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GREETING.

To our patrons and friends:

With this, our first number, we make our initial bow to the philatelic public and trust that we may be well received. We start with 8 pages and cover containing reading matter by the best writers. 1000 copies have been printed, but a bona-fide 900 is distributed among as many different addresses, so this can be called a circulation of 900 copies.

We thank all those who have shown confidence in us by advertising in our first number, and assure you that it is appreciated. As our advertising patronage increases we will enlarge this

paper, for the reading matter will not be sacrificed for want of advertising space.

We should like very much to have your subscription, and if a dealer an ad, which will be well taken care of. Please do not throw this in the waste basket, but hand it to some friend who will be benefitted by it. Thanking you again for your support,

We remain, yours truly
THE PUBLISHERS.

Shades and Varieties.

Will it ever stop? With the appearance of any new catalogue it will be generally noticed that some stamp or stamps will appear catalogued in some new shade or variety, which has heretofore not been noticed. Take for example the 10 cent stamp of the 1859 issue of Canada. In the 55th edition of his catalogue, Scott

prices the above stamp in only one shade, viz; violet, while in the present edition it is catalogued in three distinct shades, the violet, red lilac and black violet, the latter color being valued at a much higher price than the other varieties.

It is only during the past few years that the Canada 1859 5 cent vermilion was known to the collecting public in more than the one simple way, but at last they have found a variety which is valued at \$15 00; the difference in the two stamps being known to very few.

So we could go on with an endless number of shades and varieties which are described and priced as distinct kinds.

Already we have a small list which minutely describes nearly every known variety of stamps, including the "outer lines" and other differences in the United States envelopes; and how long it will be before a regular catalogue will appear, pricing and describing all varieties and shades, no one knows, but at the rate we are advancing at present the time does not seem so very far distant.

To go farther into this interesting subject there are the varieties of perforation, these being very noticable in the issues of Prince Edward Island.

For example, the 2, 3 and 6 pence stamps of 1861 are perforated 9; the

1870 issue is perforated 12, and the remainder in the same way.

Some of the Nova Scotia and other stamps are also catalogued with various numbers of perforations, but no stamps of British North America are so noticable in this line as those of Prince Edward Island.

We now come to the numberless shades of certain stamps; brain puzzlers to any but the expert. Such colors as red, crimson, vermilion, etc. all have a marked similarity toward each other; while such colors as are similar to buff and straw are somewhat difficult to distinguish; the latter being most noticable in the paper on which the wrappers of Canada are printed.

If you wish to know more about all the little varieties and shades so common to many stamps, get "Minor Varieties" by Crawford Capen, and a Color Chart; and thus equipped you can arrange your stamps in any way without difficulty.

PHILLIMUS.

TO NON-SUBSCRIBERS.

In our next number we will begin an exchange column, free to subscribers, to others 1-2 cent a word. Subscribe now, and get your ad. in our next number.

U. S. Department Stamps.

The sets of Department Stamps (adhesives and envelopes) were receivable for postage until June 30th. 1884, after which date they were invalid for postage. In February 1885 the remainders of these stamps were destroyed. The following is a complete list of the amount used by each department for the ten years the stamps were in use;

Agriculture	\$ 87 000
Executive	1 800
Justice	25 400
Interior	533 600
Navy	81 300
Post Office	2 138 300
State	58 000
Treasury	1 443 700
War	1 145 000
Total	5 513 100

The value of each set as priced in Scotts 56th (latest) edition catalogue is as follows:

Agriculture complete	\$ 27 50
Executive complete	50 00
Justice complete	109 10
Interior complete	4 15
Navy complete	32 10
Navy, 2c green error unused	\$20 00
Post Office complete	6 26
State complete	217 00
Treasury complete	9 05
War complete	6 10

The above is for used specimens only.

The entire series are advancing in value, and collectors will do well to fill up their wants in these stamps at once, as in a few years they will be unobtainable.

My Collection

I'm a Stamp Collecting crank you know;
I commenced a collection long ago.

In Canada postage I am nearly complete,
And my B. N. A. revenues are hard to beat.

I've got nearly all the stamps of Brazil,
Take a look in my album and get your fill.

Of U. S. Departments I've nearly a set,
But those I've not got are "easy" to get.

All the stamps I have mentioned I have without doubt.
But no matter what happens, don't let my name out.

In looking over an old copy of the ———, I noticed an article headed "Beginners Helps" in which the writer advises you to begin a general collection, and not pin yourself down to a certain country or a collection of countries; or in other words, do not be a specialist. This might have been alright in its time, but I'm afraid if such a thing was written at the present time, very few, unless general collectors, would notice it.

If your sets of B. N. A. and U. S. stamps are not complete, you had better fill them at once, and not wait for another advance.

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When we first contemplated publishing a Magazine, we advertised it as "The Philatelic Record", but careful consideration on the part of the publishers necessitated a change, hence this paper.



SPECIAL TO DEALERS. It is not our

intention to put any of our own advertisements in this paper to enable our patrons to reap the benefits. Please remember this.



If you are not already a subscriber for this paper send us the necessary amount at once, as we intend raising the price in the near future.



We beg to thank those who have favored us with their patronage, and trust they will be satisfied with same.



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St. Catharines, Ontario.

and we will send you two copies in return.



Any books, pamphlets, etc, relating to stamps, which may be sent us will be properly acknowledged through our columns.

The Pence Issues of Canada.

BY W. A. BEATTY.

Much has been written in regard to the pence issues of Canada that my remarks are of little use, but, as there has been no reliable records of just how many of these stamps were received and given out to postmasters, I will enlighten them on the subject.

On May 21st 1849, a notice is mentioned in the Legislative Assembly of Canada, referring to the establishment of a general Post Office. On the following day a resolution was brought that postage stamps be engraved and put into use. This passed the Assembly on May 25th, and received the assent of the Legislative Council on the 26th.

The Canadian Post Office was transferred to the Provincial Government by the Imperial Authorities on April 6th 1851, and stamps of the values of 3 pence, 6 pence and 1 shilling having in the meantime been distributed to postmasters.

The rates for letter postage was 3d for letters not exceeding half ounce in weight, more than half ounce but not over one ounce 6d, one and one-half ounce 9d, and two ounces one shilling. The rates to U. S. was 6d, or 9d if to California or Oregon.

The first lot of stamps were pro-

cured from Rawden, Wright, Hatch & Co. of New York, and consisted of:

250 000 3d stamps
100 400 6d stamps
51 000 12d stamps

In 1854 the Postmaster-General recommended the issuing of the 7½d and 10d in order to correspond with the changes in the packet letter charges.

The 10d was issued first, then the 1-2d and 7½d, the 12d having been withdrawn.

Many think that the twelve pence was especially intended for letters to the United Kingdom is not possible, as the rate to those countries was 1/2 sterling, or equal to 1/4 in Canadian currency, and that rate could not have been made up by this stamp. It was intended for heavy Provincial and United States letters. The writer himself has often come across letters sent in Canada before stamps came into use where they were marked "Paid 12d", so it was more intended for home than abroad.

The following pence stamps were issued:—

VALUE	NO. PTD.	NO. ISSUED FOR USE
1-2 d	3 450 620	3 389 960
3d	3 550 400	3 528 700
6d	420 478	402 900
7 ½ d	100 080	82 410
10d	178 200	141 000
12d	51 000	1 510
Tot.	7 750 778	7 564 480

The above table includes all the pence issues, perforated and unperforated. Only the one-half, three and six pence were perforated officially. The 1-2, 3, 6, 10 and 12 pence were printed in sheets of 100, and the 7½d in sheets of 120 stamps. The following are the exact dates of issue of each denomination:

3d, 6d and 12d	April 6th 1851
10d	December 5th 1854
1-2d and 7½d	August 1st 1857

The 1-2d having been used for newspaper postage and city letters should not be catalogued at its present price, and the 7½ or 10d being sent out of the country should be very plentiful in England, where the bulk of them went.

NEWSY NOTES.

BY "WE"

The year 1896 should be a memorable one in the History of Canada. For the past twenty-six years we have been using the same stamps and people often wonder if Canada has ever had a new issue.

As this is the year of the British Empire Exposition to be held in Montreal from May 24th to October 12th, would it not be a good thing for the government to issue a new set of stamps with the portraits of Canada's noted men, such as Macdonald, Brock, Wolfe, Abbot, Thompson or Cartier with the Queen in widow's weeds, printed in two colors, about one and one-half inches wide by two inches in length. It would be a good advertisement for Canada if these were issued at the time of the Exposition to enable visitors to take home as a memento of this occasion.

This issue would not be for the S. S. S. to take hold of, as it is about time that we should have a new issue.

A marked copy of this will be sent to our Post-Master-General to see if he cannot do something to enlighten us on the subject. The Canadian Dealers and Collectors should petition the Government to get it to act in this matter, and to get the respective members of the Senate and the House of Commons to do the same thing. Let us hear from you about this matter, and at once.

SPECIALS TO BEGIN WITH APRIL NUMBER.

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Dealers Directory—Rates for a three or four line notice \$1 50 for 12 insertions, payable strictly in advance.

LITERARY REVIEW.

The Canadian Philatelic Magazine for February is the best number of that paper we have seen for some time. "Philatelic Societies" by L. G. Quackenbush, Counterfeit Grills and a few other notes consolidate with the ads to make up the magazine.

The Post Office for February consists of 28 pages and cover. An article on the Paper of United States stamps is perhaps the most interesting. 4 pages taken up with chronicle of new issues, auction sale reports and several other items constitute the remainder of the reading matter.

The Michigan Philatelist is one of the newest papers we receive. The February number is now to hand and contains a three page article on the "Find of St. Louis stamps" notes and other items with the ads make this paper complete.

On account of the Michigan Philatelist being published on the 1st of the month, we now have the March number before us, which contains an article on The 12 pence Canada not

altogether correct in our estimation, as we notice several errors. Other small articles and notes make up the remainder of this interesting paper.

The Evergreen State Philatelist is to hand for February, and is up to the usual standard with 28 pages and cover, of which 12 pages are filled with advertising matter. Notwithstanding its large amount of ad space it contains some valuable articles on United States and many other items of interest.

The March number of the Rocky Mountain Stamp is one of the best numbers yet issued. It contains a very fine portrait of its editor, Mr. Zahn. An article on "Improved Stamp Albums" and other bright bits make up the balance of an interesting paper.

We have also received Price-Lists from:

L. M. Staebler, London,
A. C. Townsend, Washington,
P. M. Wolsieffer, Chicago,
E. T. Parker, Bethel, Pa.
N. E. Carter, Delavan, Wis.,
for which the publishers have our sincere thanks.

Facts For Philatelists.

In the near future H. C. Beardley of St. Joseph, Mo., will publish a philatelic directory containing over 10,000 names.



It is reported that L. M. Staebler has again started the Canadian Philatelist.



C. W. Kissenger of Reading, Pa. writes us that he has been burned out with a loss of three thousand dollars.



A French judge has decided that is no crime to issue forged stamps of an obsolete issue, unless it would deprive the government of revenue, as would be the case with United States stamps, for instance, which are recognized as good, no matter how old, except before the war. The learned judge evidently had no charity for philatelists of all grades, from the biggest dealers down.—Michigan Philatelist.

We wouldn't advise you to try it in Canada either.

STAMP DEALERS holding Auction Sales will much oblige by sending a list of prices realized to this paper for quotation, as we intend making "Auction Sale Reports" a feature of our paper.

SPECIAL NOTICE.

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The Newspaper Stamps of United States.

To my mind there is no stamps more beautiful than the United States Newspaper Stamps. Beautiful in design and color, and interesting because so little understood and so different from anything else of the kind. The first ones were issued in 1865 and were very large stamps, the plate impression being 55x98 mm. They consisted of the following denominations:—5c blue, head of Washington, 10c green, head of Franklin, 25c red, head of Lincoln.

In 1867 there was another 5c stamp (51x95 mm.) exactly like the former except there was a small margin of white on the stamp. This stamp was in use until 1875, when an entirely new series was brought out, consisting of twenty-four stamps (plate impression 24x35½ mm-) ranging in value from 2 cents to \$60 and may be briefly described as follows:—2, 3, 4, 6, 8, 9 and 10c black, all with figures of Liberty after Crawford's statue surmounting the dome of the capital. 12, 24, 36, 48, 60, 72, 84 and 96c carmine, all with figure of Justice. The \$ 1 92 is brown, Manvera

3 00 brown, Goddess of Victory
6 00 blue, Clio
9 00 orange, Minevera
12 00 green, Vesta
24 00 violet, Peace
36 00 red, Commerce
38 00 chocolate, Hebe
60 00 violet, Minnehaha;

and in 1885 a 1c stamp was added to set with the same design as the other low values.

They are not used on newspapers as many suppose but are pasted in a book for that purpose, and are sent to the Post Office Department with the office reports and there they are destroyed.

Several years ago they could be procured at the different Post Offices just as you could buy ordinary stamps, but the law has been repealed and they are now very scarce.

The reason used specimens are often seen may be explained by the fact that the Lockport, New York post office was burned some time ago and large quantities were procured at that time.

There are dangerous counterfeits made in Europe, and marked facsimile and sold at a very low price.

ED GAR.

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THE TWELVE PENCE.

There lives a "crank" on British soil,
With a stamp collector's name,
And he has a choice collection, too,
Of firm and widespread fame.

And oft he says in a wistful tone,
As he sits on the garden fence:
"Oh, for the one that will bring to me
A stamp called the rare twelve pence.

"It has a face that is very black,
Unperforated too, you see;
Yes, the rarest stamp on Canada's shore
Is surely the stamp for me.

"A hundred Vs should not be spurned,
And I'll get all that I throw,
If I had just one of the thirty gems
(At the most thirty-five, I know)

"That were made some forty-five short years ago.
And utilized for very heavy mail;
And now couldn't I, with very few pains,
Find one that's out for sale?

"They lived in the land of the Union Jack
Maybe eight short years—ah, me!
Then died with a groan and a broken heart,
The remains bring a monstrous fee.

And so he sits and wonders and longs,
But never has found, I hear,
The black faced stamp that collectors want,
For he's lazy and dull I fear.

So now, clever reader, with eyes all alert,
Come, hasten your walk to a run;
And ferret the prize from its hiding place,
Be it anywhere under the sun.

UNITED STATES
NOTES.

has any value.

The 2 cent State Department is a comparatively rare stamp and is more difficult to obtain than its catalogue valuation leads one to believe.

Of the Department Stamps only five are priced from one to three cents each. They are Interior, Post-Office Treasury and War.

It puzzles a good many collectors and dealers how the 1 cent varieties of the U. S. 1851 issues can be distinguished, also the 5 cent Beaver variety of Canada.*

A stamp that I do not see in the Catalogue is the United States Custom-Stamp. It is printed in carmine $1\frac{1}{2}$ by 2 inches, with "U. S. Custom House N. Y." and on the next four lines are CASHIERS OFFICE, FREE RECEIVED, 20 CENTS, BUREAU OF ENGRAVING AND PRINTING, and on the left is an engraving of "Wright", the same is rouletted and cancelled June 1st 1889. I would like some of the readers of this paper to tell me if this stamp

Another stamp that has not been catalogued is more of a legitimate issue than the so called Officially Sealed stamp of 1889. This letter-stamp I am informed was never legally authorized by the Post-Office Department. The stamp I have is printed in black on yellow paper, laid with U. S. watermark and is 1 by $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches in size with the following inscription on it enclosed in a square border:— "Letter returned by carrier because addressee could not be found. If the address is correct or there is any other reason why the letter could have been properly delivered, please send the envelope to the Postmaster with a statement of the facts that an investigation can be made." I would like some reader to tell me more of this stamp.

The 1847 United States issue of 5 and 10 cents are found in about ten different shades and are usually found cancelled in red.

*Editors Note. The variety of the 1859, 5c beaver Canada is easily distinguished. The word "Canada" is printed in double and there is a double line on the oval to the left of the stamp.

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Next month we will make a change in our ad rates. Advertisers take notice and secure your contracts at

once. "A word to the wise is sufficient."

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Subscribers, if you don't receive this paper regularly let us know, and we will cheerfully duplicate copies lost in transit.

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If there are any collectors in your city whom you think would like to see a copy of THE ONTARIO PHILATELIST, send us their full names and address and we will mail them a copy provided we have not already done so.

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The Junior Philatelist is a new aspirant for philatelic honors. We would like Bro. Porter to put us on his exchange list at once as we have not had the pleasure of receiving a copy.

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From many states are appearing address books of philatelists, the latest announced being one from Virginia by H. B. Vesey. It is a good idea and we hope it will not be long before every state in the union will have a manual of that kind. Why not have one for Canada and New Foundland?

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Mr. L. M. Stæbler of London, Ont. informs us that he has decided to publish the Canadian Philatelist again the first number of which will appear shortly. See his ad in this number of this paper.

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The Southern California Collector has appeared from Orange, Cal., with H. R. Cooper as publisher and editor.

We are preparing a large list of foreign names for our own use. Next month we will send to each of these a copy of this paper. Collectors desirous of obtaining a foreign correspondence could probably secure same by placing an ad in these columns.



Is your ad in this paper. If not, why not.



We want to exchange two copies with every philatelic paper published. As yet only a very few have signified their willingness to do so by mailing us their publication, notwithstanding the fact that we sent two marked copies of our first number to every publisher whose name we could find. Don't delay any longer but put us on your list at once.

TORONTO NOTES.

OPINION OF A TORONTO DEALER.

"Business has never been better for years" said one of the leading Toronto stamp dealers when asked if stamp trade was not falling off. "Do you know that for the fifteen years I have been in business I never seen people so hungry after good stamps and willing to pay good prices. Of course I find it difficult to get these rarities unless at high figures, but still in most cases these can be disposed of at a fair margin of profit; of course

the days for snaps in this town are over. There was a time here when I had the trade all to myself, now there are no less than a dozen making a living in stamps alone, although this makes competition very keen still indirectly I think we are benefited by it.

You know the business in stamps is altogether different than was the case some years ago, when the hobby was indulged in mostly by boys. At the present time most of my customers are men of fair means, I do not sell \$1 00 a week to young collectors."



Clark's auction held in the Odd-fellows Hall on the 18th inst was a great success, over \$900 being realized. About 50 collectors were present although the buying was confined to about a dozen, low prices in almost every instance were realized.

The Canadian revenues especially were not sold but simply given away. Green Law stamps selling at about 7c per hundred. Everybody was delighted with their purchases as everyone secured snaps.



C. A. Needham of Hamilton bought the pair of 12 penny Canadas at the Woodward sale in Boston for \$1850 and immediately turned round and sold them to the same firm for \$1500.

Have you sent in your subscription? If not, do so at once.

LITERARY REVIEW.

The Post Office for March is to hand. It contains a very good article on the ribbed paper stamps of the United States. The other most important things are the Chronicle of new issues and report of the Woodward sale in Boston which goes to show that good stamps WILL bring good prices.

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The American Philatelist for March is the next paper to drop before us. It consists of 8 pages and cover, principally made up of short articles and notes which prove very interesting.

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The International Philatelist for February consists of 20 pages of which 14 contains advertising matter. Although only six pages have reading matter, yet what there is is first class.

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The Michigan Philatelist for April is now before us. As usual it contains a good supply of reading matter which will interest the beginner as well as the advanced collector.

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The Canadian Philatelic Magazine for March contains 14 pages and cover. A fine portrait of Thos. Mitchell of Toronto adorns the first page while several other pages are filled with articles on B. N. A. stamps. Several other small items complete the paper

Philatelic Facts for February and March have been received. They do not contain a very large amount of reading matter but what there is suits us very well.

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The Philatelic Monthly & World for March is now before us. Good articles on U. S. and Foreign stamps is the most important. A few other notes and ads make this paper complete.

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The Philatelic West is to hand. It has at last secured second-class rates and the publishers now say that its future is guaranteed. It is full of interesting notes and we hope to be favored with many future visits.

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The Midland Philatelist sends us a double number for March and April. It has 8 small pages and cover and is very good for its size.

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The Springfield Philatelist for April is now before us. It contains as usual a large amount of readable matter including "Seyern's Fun" which is very amusing.

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The April number of The Bay State Philatelist contains a portrait of J. N. Luff of the Scott Stamp & Coin Company of New York, also a good auction sale report for which this paper is noted.

The Oregon Naturalist for March received. It contains very little for stamp collectors as it is principally devoted to natural science.

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The March number of the Evergreen State Philatelist contains 24 pages and cover of which 15 are advertising matter. Society notes and several good articles complete the magazine.

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We have also received the Wholesale list of G. B. Calman, New York.

NOTES.

John Edwards will issue a list of philatelic publications, sundries etc.

W. S. Weatherston of Toronto will remove to New York city shortly where he will reside.

When sending copy for small ads don't send too many words, 50 words is about the limit to an inch.

It is reported that a new paper is to appear from the Province of Quebec which is to contain dealers ads only.

At a recent sale of Ventom, Bull & Co of London, England, a 7½ pence green unused, with original gum brought \$63.

Commemorative sets of stamps are being issued by many countries a-

mong which are Ecuador, Japan and Bulgaria. Should such stamps as these be recognized by collectors?

Have you sent in your subscription?

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	\$4 90	\$1 98
Supreme Court \$5, cat.	\$5 00	2 10
Weights & Measures red no		
value unused, cat.	\$15 00	3 30
Quebec Law complete set		
1893 issue, cat.	\$6 35	2 15
Canadian Revenues on approval		
marked lower than the lowest to those		
furnishing First-Class refer-		
ences. A trial is all I ask		

M. A. CRAWFORD,

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I have about 2000 different foreign stamps to exchange for Canadian and United States postage and revenue. Correspondence with collectors desired. H. P. Hewson, Lock Box 28, St. Catharines, Ont.

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Reminiscence of the Pony Express

What a strange history the postage stamp has had in the United States. If a record of all the bloody events, tragedies and delights this little invention has brought about could be condensed and written up, what interesting reading and how many volumes of such matter would be added to the libraries of the world. The great system of mail transportation of the ocean greyhounds, lightning expresses, pony, buckboard and runner mail carriers, can be traced indirectly back to the postage stamp. Not that the postage stamp is the cause of all these events, but it is part and parcel of each, and unquestionably the most adjunct of them all. The postage stamp and the mail are so intimately associated that it would be hard to separate them. Of course the mail system could go without postage stamps; yet something would have to take the place of the latter, and what, after all, would that be but a postage stamp under a new name? There are some readers of this paper who remember the time when this country was in the hands of the hostile Indians. No white people dared to make long journeys or to risk themselves far from the settlements unless unless under strong guard and well armed. Even in those dangerous days the buckboard mail—the true

advance guard of civilization—was in full operation, although surrounded with dangers scarcely dreamed of by people living east of the Mississippi river. It was a time of adventure and danger. A mail carrier, either mounted on a plains cayuse pony, or else driving a light buckboard (the lightest servicable vehicle extant), from the time he left the confines of civilization simply carried his life in his hands. Many a poor fellow has been killed of whom no trace has ever been found, and many a poor bruised, scalped body has been discovered weeks and months after he had met his fate, with the mail sacks cut open and the contents scattered to the winds. A curious post-office system was in vogue during those early days. Far out on the prairie, miles and miles from civilization, you might chance to see on the treeless plain a post with a dark object on top of it. Riding up to the object, it would develop into a prairie post-office. The prairie post-office consists of a single post stuck in the ground, surmounted by a rude wooden box, in which passers-by would drop letters for posting. The element of chance was very great in the possibility of such mail matter ever reaching its destination. The lonesome weather-beaten box contains about a dozen letters; many of them without envelopes and without postage prepaid, the majority of the lot having

been deposited from sixty days to ninety days previous. Wanderers and travellers had dropped them in at odd times, trusting to the luck of Uncle Sam in the possibility of them ultimately reaching the friends and relations in the States or Canada to whom addressed. Trappers and hunters in the country wishing to communicate with each other used these means of doing so. Not being a salaried nor a regularly established office, it cannot be said that the government lost anything by the operation. Everyone who passed the spot had a right, or at least thought he had, to look over the mail to see if there might be a letter for him; and when some scout or hunter was on his way to the settlements, without leave from anybody, as a sort of implied understanding with all, he would gather up the accumulation and carry it off to be regularly posted. There seemed to be an unwritten law on the subject that the first one bound for the settlements should do as above stated. Remarkable as it may seem, the Indians never disturbed these embryo post-offices. They have a wholesome fear of mysterious things, and generally steer clear of things they do not understand. They fancied these lonesome boxes were in some manner associated with the telegraph wires and poles, of which all redskins from time immemorial have had the most superstitious dread. In the days before the war, St. Joseph, Missouri, was the western terminus of railroad communication; beyond that the stage coach, the saddle-horse and the ox trains were the only means of commerce and communication with the Rocky Mountains and the Pacific coast. Of course, such transportation of

necessity became carriers of the mail, and you can depend that it must have been a long time reaching its destination, too. Fancy now, in the days of telegraphy and express trains, of the United States mail even being entrusted to bull trains as a means of locomotion; but such was actually the case as late as the year 1860. There are no doubt many readers who have heard the story of the Pony Express and its long race against time across the plains? It was indeed a wild and dangerous ride, has perhaps never been equalled in the world. The story is of the mail, and may, therefore, very properly be classed among philatelic literature. In the winter of 1860 there was a broker in Washington trying to get \$5,000,000 for carrying the overland mail one year between New York and San Francisco. The proposition was so cheeky, and Wm. H. Russell, backed by Secretary of War Floyd, resolved to give the broker a wide berth. He therefore offered to bet \$200,000 that he could put on a mail line from Sacramento to St. Joseph that would make the distance, 1950 miles, in ten days. The bet was taken, and the 8th of April was fixed for the starting. Mr. Russell called upon his partner and general manager of business upon the plains, Mr. A. B. Miller, and stated what he had done, and asked him if he could perform the feat. Miller replied: "Yes, sir, I will do it, and do it by the pony express." To accomplish this, Mr. Miller purchased three hundred of the fleetest horses he could find in the West, and employed one hundred and twenty-five men. Eighty of these men were to be post riders. These he had selected with reference to their light weight and their knowing, daring and

courage. It was very essential that the horses should be loaded as light as possible, therefore the lighter the man the better. It was also necessary that some portions of the route should be run at the rate of twenty miles an hour. The horses were stationed from ten to twenty miles apart, and each rider would be required to cover sixty miles as his share of duty. For the change of animals and the shifting of the mails two minutes were allowed. Where there were no stage stations at proper distances, tents sufficient to hold one man and two horses were provided. Indians would sometimes give chase; but their cayuse ponies made but sorry show in their stern chase after Miller's thoroughbreds. Many of them could make a mile—that is a single mile—in a minute and fifty seconds. All arrangements being completed, a signal gun on the steamer *Sacramento* proclaimed the meriden of April 8th, 1860, the hour for starting, when Border Ruffain, Mr. Miller's private saddle horse, with Billy Baker in the saddle, bounded away toward the foothills of the Sierra Nevadas, and made his ride of twenty miles in forty-nine minutes. The snows were deep in the mountains, and one rider was lost for several hours in a Rocky Mountain blizzard. It was found on reaching Salt Lake that additional speed would be necessary in order to reach St. Joseph on time. From here on all went well until the Platte river was to be crossed, at Julesburg. The river was up and running rapidly, but the rider was a plucky fellow, and unhesitatingly plunged his horse into the boiling waters, when the quicksands soon swallowed both out of sight. The animal was drowned, but the courier succeeded in reach-

ing the shore with his mail bag in his hands, and travelled ten miles on foot in a dripping condition to meet the next relay. It was a curious conglomeration of hardship, adventure and hairbreadth escapes from start to finish, and much too long to relate in detail. However, the whole route had been passed over except the last sixty miles, which was to be finished by Johnny Fry, the most daring broncho rider of his day. He had, as remarked, sixty miles to ride, with six horses to do it. When the last courier arrived at the sixty-mile post out from St. Joseph, he was one hour behind time. A heavy rain had set in, and the roads were slippery. Two hundred thousand dollars might turn upon a single minute. Fry had just three hours and thirty minutes to win. This was the longest race and for the largest sum ever run in America. When the time for his arrival was nearly up, at least five thousand stood upon the bank, with eyes turned towards the woods from which horse and rider were to emerge into the open country in the rear of Elmwood, one mile from the finish. Tick, tick, went thousands of watches. The time was nearly up; but a fraction over seven minutes remained. Hark! a shout goes up from the assembled multitude: "He comes! He comes!!" The noble little thoroughbred, Sylph, the daughter of Little Arthur, darts like an arrow from the bow, and makes the run of the last mile in one minute and fifty seconds, landing upon the ferry-boat with just five minutes to spare. The race is won, and the mail is victorious. Score one for the postage stamp, and credit the account with \$200,000.—*Philatelic Journal of America.*

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Since we have commenced the

publication of our journal we have sent regularly two copies to all philatelic publications, but we regret to state that the majority do not apparently feel disposed to place us on their exchange list, and in the future if they neglect us we will cancel them from our list, and send such copies to collectors, who will make better use of them.

As you will notice, in this issue of our journal there is a change in our advertising rates, of which we gave timely warning, as the business has increased with such rapidity that we are compelled to take this course. We give full value for the money spent with us, as ours is the paper that takes with the people. If you are not already a subscriber or advertiser, you should fall into line at once.

You will probably notice with this issue that there has been a marked change in both the appearance and make-up of this journal. We have been much encouraged by the way subscriptions have come in, and promise a much better paper in the future if things continue in this way. Do not think twice about sending us an advertisement or a subscription, as the success of this magazine depends chiefly upon you.

In the Canadian notes by "Jep," in *Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News* of April 30th, concerning "The Notes from a leading Toronto

Dealer," he complains that they are misleading, and that they were probably made up in the editorial rooms of the paper. We may state that we never do anything of this kind, and that they were received from one of Toronto's leading Philatelists, whose name is known all over the philatelic world, and "Jep" should make enquiries before he makes such an assertion again.

Notes and Comments

Have you sent us your subscription?

The *Southern California Collector* has been refused second-class rates.

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It is reported that the 1c. and 2c. letter cards are having a very small sale, and may be withdrawn.

Dealers holding auction sales will much oblige by sending us a list of prices realized for publication.

A year's subscription to this paper and a copy of Jones' check list for 35 cents. Regular price 45 cents.

The postmaster in this city notified us lately that private post cards were only eligible for postage when mailed to points in Canada.

The *Philatelic Free Lance* is announced from Bellaire, Ohio, the first number to appear in June, with Ben L. Morris as editor and H. B. Taylor as business manager.

We have received one of J. R. McDowell's magazine binders, which is a very handy article indeed for the preservation of papers and pamphlets. Address J. R. McDowell, Guelph, Ont., for particulars.

After having published one number of the *Junior Philatelist* in a very small size the publishers decided to enlarge, and so commenced a new series, beginning with number one again to make it convenient for those wishing to keep a file.

There are now four philatelic papers published in Canada: The *Ontario Philatelist*, the *Canadian Philatelic Magazine*, the *Canadian Philatelist* and the *All-around Stamp Advertiser*. Two other stamp papers are announced to appear from London: The *London Stamp and Coin Journal* and *Stamp Lore*, the former of which is to be published quarterly.

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Postage stamps were first used in Canada in 1851, and at this time money was counted in a somewhat similar system as in the mother country, there being a slight difference in value. For instance, 1s. 2d. in English money was equal to 1s. 4d. in Canadian currency. This state of affairs continued in force until 1859, when the decimal system was introduced, and in consequence a new "cent issue" of postage stamps appeared.

During this period of some eight years Canada had been without a stamped envelope, nor did she have any until a year later, viz., 1860, when the first issue appeared. In this year two envelopes of different values were issued, the values being five and ten cent. The stamps were somewhat smaller than those of the present issue, but nevertheless quite similar in design. Both stamps were of the same size and design, differing in value and color.

The 5-cent had the Queen's head facing to the left in oval, with "Canada Postage" above, and "Five cents" below, these words being enclosed in another oval on the outside. Color, vermilion.

The 10-cent stamp was the same as the 5-cent in design. Color, brown.

These stamps are catalogued on both "yellowish white laid" and "bluish white laid" paper.

The above two stamps continued in use until 1877, when a reduction in postage rates took place, and were followed by a one and

three-cent envelope which were placed on sale. In design these stamps were similar to the previous issue, but slightly larger. They were printed on white laid paper, though an occasional specimen is found on wove paper, which variety is exceedingly rare. It is quite likely these stamps will continue in use until the Queen ceases to reign.

Strange to say, the one-cent variety is catalogued at a higher price in used condition, while in an unused state it is vice versa, as would naturally be expected.

Within the past year a new variety in the form of a two-cent envelope has appeared. It has the head of the Queen facing to the left enclosed in an oval. Inside of another oval is "Canada postage" above, and below is the word "cents" on each side of a large "2," while maple leaves adorn the sides of the stamp. On the very top of it is a beaver, which taken together makes a very pretty stamp. It is printed on a white laid envelope. Color, green.

The above is on sale only in the large cities where the mail is delivered by carriers, where the drop letters are two cents. In all probability this stamp will be soon withdrawn from sale, as the demand for it is very light, which occurrence would most likely make it one of Canada's rarest stamps.

Envelopes as a rule are very seldom used, the majority judging it easier to use the adhesives on their own envelopes.

It would no doubt be a profitable investment for anyone to buy a large quantity of the two cent envelopes and hold them till they become obsolete (provided they do), and even if they do not there would be nothing lost, as they could be used for postage at any time.

PHILLIMUS.

Obituary

It is with feelings of deep regret that we chronicle the death of Capt. J. Gamble Geddes of Toronto, which took place on April 4th. The deceased was born in Montreal in 1860, and consequently was a comparatively young man at the time of his demise. The history of Capt. Geddes was an eventful one, having been aide-de-camp and private secretary to Hon. John Beverley Robinson during his term as Lieutenant Governor of Ontario. He was an entomologist of considerable note, and last but not least of the various studies in which he was engaged was that of a philatelist, his collection of stamps being one of the largest. He was also an active member of the Toronto Philatelic club. The philatelists in Canada and other places will deeply regret the death of their companion, and to the bereaved children the philatelists of Ontario will extend the most tender sympathy, being left at very tender ages bereft of both father and mother, the latter of whom died about a year ago.

Papers Received

The *Columbian Philatelist*, the *Philatelic West*, the *Post Office*, the *Dixie Philatelist*, the *Washington Philatelist*, the *Texan Philatelist*, the *Stamp* (Groveland, Mass.), the *Junior Philatelist*, the *Canadian Philatelist* and *Pennsylvania Stamp*.

We have also received W. F. Gregory's auction sale catalogue from New York.

Chance for Some Collecting Agency

The *Express* of Valley Junction (Ia.) has outstanding accounts to the amount of \$150 against persons who are believed to be solvent and known to be exasperatingly slow. Editor Emory H. English says he needs the money but cannot spare the time necessary for collecting it. Desirous of getting some of the cash before the Day of Judgment, Mr. English announces that he will compile a list of the claims, and sell them to the highest bidder. As the list will appear in the *Express*, it is probable that some modest citizens, who are not looking for notoriety, will open their pocket books.

Printing Office Etiquette

A lady asks us whether etiquette requires one to knock at the door of an editor's sanctum before entering, says the *Telluride (Colo.) Journal*. We hasten to reply. If you are coming to pay your subscription or bring in a nice, juicy item of news, don't stop to knock, but just walk right in as if you owned the place. If, on the other hand, you are out on a collecting tour, you should make the fact known through the window, and then knock at the door until the editor opens it. You may sink down from exhaustion before he does so, but you will be adhering to the printing office etiquette that is bound to please the average editor.—*Newspaperdom*.

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Letter from Ed. Bee

HE TELLS OF THE FORMATION OF THE DUETT PHILATELIC CLUB, TORONTO

The 1847 Issue of the United States

Nearly every collector of postage stamps belongs to some philatelic society, and I am no exception. But my society is different, perhaps, from the general run of such bodies.

Most everybody has an Uncle John, and so have I, and he lives in our fair Toronto. Ever since I can remember, he has been heart and hand with me in anything I do. A while ago I had a collection of tobacco tags, and Uncle John helped me out wonderfully, until my collection was the envy of all the boys. Last year I had the bicycle fever, and Uncle and I were a club in ourselves, and had many a "club run;" but this year I somehow got started at stamp collecting, and after having searched over garret and old letters, and paid visits to the neighbors, I thought I would try Uncle John.

Imagine my surprise when he told me that he had been a collector for years, and when he showed me his collection I was thunderstruck. I had not the slightest

idea that there were two of us. Well, the outcome of it all was that we formed a philatelic society to be known as the Duett Philatelic Club, and we are to meet once a week and discuss matters philatelic. To begin with, Uncle read, or rather told me about, the 1847 issue of United States. He said the United States first authorized the postage stamps by the act of the XXIX Congress. According to the law and custom a contract for the printing and engraving of the stamps was let to Messrs. Rawdon, Wright, Hatch and Edson for four years. They furnished 4,400,000 five-cent stamps and 1,050,000 of the ten-cent stamps, of which 3,712,000 five-cent and 891,000 ten-cent stamps are officially reported to have been distributed to postmasters for sale. Stamps to the value of \$12,038.55 were, however, returned to the department and exchanged for a subsequent issue. The issue was of two values only—five-cent, portrait of Benj. Franklin, and 10-cent, with a portrait of Washington. Between the border and the stamp proper on the bottom are the initials of the contractors, "R. W. H. and E." The plate impression of each was $10\frac{1}{2}$ x $23\frac{1}{2}$ m. m., and the color of the five cent was bronze and the ten-cent black on faintly bluish paper. According to the American Journal

of Philately of April 1871, this issue was withdrawn from circulation about June or July, 1851.

The Duett Philatelic Club then adjourned, it being most bedtime, and we are to meet again next week, when our president will read a paper on the issue of the United States of 1851. I've sent in an application to the Sons of Philatelia and am going to join others soon. It's a good thing. ED. BEE.

Canada's Registration Stamps

W. A. Beatty

The Government of Canada in the year 1875 issued stamps of a special character for matters of registration only. Over and above the ordinary rate to all foreign countries except the United States, the fee at that timewas 8 cents; but favor was granted the United States, the fee being 5 cents, and in Canada 2 cents. Three kinds of similar designs were engraved by the British American Bank Note Co. of Montreal, on white wove paper, but some of the 5-cents have been discovered watermarked. They were narrow, oblong and scalloped at the top and bottom, with labels with value in full at the two ends. There is a small, straight label above, inscribed "Canada"; a large curved label in the centre, with "Registered"; and a small curved label with the words "Letter Stamp" in white Roman capitals. Large Arabic numerals of value are in the upper corners.

The 8-cent stamp was first issued on November 15th, 1875, and from that date to the end of the fiscal year, June 30th, 1876, 100,000 were issued, and during the follow-

ing year, 25,000, making 125,000 the total number issued.

In 1878 this stamp was withdrawn from circulation, and the remaining 75,000 were destroyed by order of the postmaster general. In a few years this will be one of Canada's rarest stamps. The 2-cent stamp was withdrawn from circulation during 1889-90, owing to the United States kicking on the account of the increase in the registration fee, and was increased from 2 cents in Canada to 5 cents, making a uniform rate; and during the year 1893 the 5-cent was also withdrawn from circulation, and the present 8-cent postage stamp was introduced, making a registration and postage stamp combined.

A Warning to Stamp Collectors

One of the most dangerous habits that exists in philately is the prevailing one of putting foreign stamps to their mouths, and the sooner the philatelic press sounds the key-note of warning the better it will be for the lives as well as the health of our collectors. A case came to our knowledge recently of a man who had contracted a disease through putting foreign stamps on his tongue, causing him untold agony and suffering. Nine hundred and ninety-nine persons out of every thousand put new stamps to their tongues when they wish to stick them upon letters, and while it may be harmless to do this, there are a number who forget that possibly 50 per cent. of those 999 may be diseased, and the germs can lie on the letter under the stamp with the gum; and if anyone is foolish enough to trust a previously licked stamp to his

mouth, he is running a great risk to say the least, as well as being a standing menace to society, and the day will come when he will be sorry he ever did such a thing. And let this be a warning to all, whether they are stamp collectors or not.

Foreign countries such as India, Russia, and those of Asia, particularly, spread the cholera germ and diphtheria, as well as fevers of all kinds (and there may be some of your family so afflicted) can be communicated by the bad habit of touching the mouth to the stamps. Always soak the paper off the stamps by means of a pan of hot or lukewarm water (as that kills all the germs), and wash the hands well afterwards. If you stick a stamp on a letter, wet the letter and not the stamp. Large quantities of stamps before being handled should always be disinfected by being put in a drawer for a few days, closed tightly, with some powerful disinfectant, which can be procured at any druggist's. No idea is known of the great extent which the bad habit above referred to is responsible for the various diseases, such as sore throat, miasma, etc. Let this warning be sounded far and wide through the press of this country, whether it is philatelic or not.

The Canadian Philatelic Association, who held their convention in Montreal some time ago, has been re-organized, and the outlook for philately in Canada this winter is that business has never been so encouraging in the stamp lore for years, and, with four philatelic papers and two societies, you may expect us to be one of the leading stamp centres of the world.

It is Reported

That the current 15-cent slate Canada will either be dropped or change its color.

That L. M. Staebler of London, Ont., will shortly revive the Canadian Philatelic Weekly.

That a new paper is to appear from New Chester (Pa.), with R. M. Miller as editor and publisher.

That the Minnesota address book will not appear, the reason being that the publisher cannot spare the time.

That the Lindsay Stamp Co., conducted by I. E. Weldon, will shortly open an office on Yonge street, Toronto.

That the new issue of Canada postage stamps with the queen in widow's weeds, similar in design to the third issue of Bill stamps, will appear about October, 1896.

That the contract for the printing of the United States stamps will be transferred to the American Bank Note Co. on January 1st, 1897, on account of the unsatisfactory work done by the Bureau of Engraving and Printing.

The city clerk to-day received a letter from Victoria, B. C., stating that the corporation had endorsed the resolution adopted by the Toronto city council in favor of a 1-cent rate for local drop-letters. It has been suggested that if the Government changed the engraving on the stamps every two or three years the revenue from stamp collectors alone would more than cover any deficit arising from such a change. In the United States there are clubs of stamp collectors representing a membership of 30,000.—*Toronto Daily Mail and Empire, June 10th.*

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It is also our intention to start a Writers' Competition. Full particulars will appear in our next issue. Send us your subscription, that you may have a chance to win one of the many prizes that we will offer.

The D. P. A. annual convention will be held at Toronto during fair time, in September, which will no doubt enable a greater number to attend, on account of the reduced rates on all the railroad and steamship lines at that time.

Mr. Irving E. Patterson is also running for international secretary in the P. S. of A., and also for office in the L.A.P., and has proven himself a very efficient worker in all societies that he is a member of, as can be ascertained by his work as secretary of the D. P. A.

The larger cities in Canada are endeavoring to secure a reduction in the local postage from 2 cents to 1 cent. The latter rate was in favor a few years ago, and business men doing considerable local trade feel the effects quite severely, and hope it may be discontinued.

Recent visitors to our office are Mr. J. Shack of New York and Mr. George A. Lowe of Toronto. The first named gentleman is engaged in the wholesale tobacco business, and travels through Canada and picks up many good stamps on his journeys. The latter named gen-

tleman is one of Toronto's leading stamp dealers, and was on his way to Buffalo and Rochester. While here he showed us some good stamps in the way of rarities in B. N. A. and U. S., which were priced extremely low.

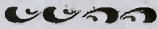
The editor paid a visit to Buffalo and Niagara Falls (N. Y.) on May 25th. While in Buffalo he visited the Raynor Hubbell Stamp Co., which carries a fine lot of stamps. Consult their ad. in another column of this paper. On his return to Niagara Falls he called upon Mr. Edward C. Biggar, who runs a job printery at that place, and collectors visiting this interesting locality will please call, when they will be made welcome. Mr. Biggar was at one time editor of the *Philatelic Lasso*, *Western Philatelic Empire*, and the *Nebraska Stamp News*, while he resided at Fremont, Neb.

We will give a set of 6 green F. F. Canada law stamps from 10c. to 60c. to every subscriber who sends us his subscription during the month of June. A stamped envelope must accompany each subscription sent us, or premium will not be sent. For every five subscriptions sent us we will give the one sending such a year's subscription free, also premium for his trouble; and, besides, each of the club will get the premium. Remember, this is only for the month of June, and as we have only 100 sets they will not last long.

In a recent letter from Mr. St. Kelsey Hall of Peterborough, he wishes us to inform our readers that he will be pleased to receive proxies for the convention of the A. P. A., P. S. of A. and S. of P., which he will attend. As we have known Mr. Hall for a long time, we can assure members of these societies that such proxies as are tendered the above named gentleman will be looked after, and he will show no partiality towards anyone. Mr. Hall is also a candidate for exchange superintendent of the P. S. of A. for Canada, and a vote for him would prove to be the election of one of the best officers in that department that it has ever had, and we wish all our readers to promote his election.

There is a leading Canadian dealer, we are sorry to say, who has been owing us an account for over two years, and frequent letters to him have been of no avail. We made his acquaintance during the P. S. of A. convention at Niagara Falls in 1894, and on our return home we sent him some stamps at his own request. He sent us a cheque for about a tenth of the price he offered, which cheque was promptly returned to him, with the statement that we would like the price he offered us, or the return of the stamps, and we have not heard from him since. A marked copy of this paper will be sent to him, and unless we get a settlement before our next issue we will be obliged

to go into the full details of how mean some people can act, and he will be published in our paper until we can get a settlement from him.



Notes and Comments



A fifteen cent. Canada ribbed paper recently sold for \$30 to a prominent American collector residing in Ufanie.



The plate of the Canada officially sealed stamp now in the possession of the British American Bank Note Company of Ottawa has been destroyed. Only one lot of these stamps were printed, and you may expect to hear of an advance in prices in the near future.



This month the general elections will take place, and the Conservatives and Liberals will battle for supremacy as to who shall rule in the next Canadian Parliament. One of the platforms of the Conservatives is the annexation of Newfoundland to our fair dominion, which would mean that Newfoundland would discontinue using their stamps and use those of Canada. Another is that we are promised two-cent letter postage and one-cent postage for city drop letters. And it is to this party that we owe the granting of second-class mail matter to our paper, and we fear if the Liberals are returned to power that these privileges will be taken away from us. As for our

part, we have always been rank Tories, and intend to support the Conservatives in their present contest, and ask all true Canadians to do the same.



Dissolution of Co-Partnership

The partnership of Widdicombe and Beatty in the publication of the ONTARIO PHILATELIST is this day dissolved by mutual consent, Mr. Widdicombe retiring from the business. All communications, advertisements and subscriptions will be attended to by the undersigned, who became sole owner and proprietor. It is the intention of the publisher that, with careful and strict attention to business, he will merit a continuance of the patronage given hitherto, and will endeavor to make THE ONTARIO PHILATELIST one of the most readable periodicals in the interests of stamp dealers and collectors.

Address all communications to WM. A. BEATTY, 88 King street, St. Catharines, Ont.



In regard to the foregoing, I beg leave to state to the patrons of THE ONTARIO PHILATELIST that owing to other engagements I find it will be impossible to continue as one of its owners, and trust that our patrons and friends will favor my successor and late partner, Mr. Wm. A. Beatty, a hearty support in his endeavor to cater to the philatelic world.

ROBERT G. WIDDICOMBE.

Applause

The first issue of THE ONTARIO PHILATELIST is to hand, and surpasses many journals in their first attempts. We wish the new venture every success. — *Canadian Philatelic Magazine*.

Number one of THE ONTARIO PHILATELIST has been received. It is an excellent first attempt, and if the managers will only continue as they have commenced the journal is surely destined to be one of the few successes we have. — *The Washington Philatelist*.

Canada is also to the fore with Vol. I, No. I, of THE ONTARIO PHILATELIST, a creditable little paper introduced by Messrs. Widdicombe & Beatty. 'T is a long time since we received a paper from British North America, and we wish our contemporary long life and prosperity. — *April number Monthly Post, England*.

We thank all our friends for the words of encouragement that we have received, and it is our intention to present a better magazine each month than the preceding one. We ask the support of every true philatelist, with their advertising and subscription patronage, both of which will be well cared for.

Exchange Column

Free to subscribers. Limited to 30 words. All others half a cent a word each insertion. Notices must be written on separate pieces of paper, and the same notice cannot be inserted twice unless paid for. No display allowed.

Correspondence desired with collectors who have B. N. A. postage stamps to sell or exchange. Write me at once. R. G. WIDDICOMBE, 29 Elizabeth St., St. Catharines, Ont., Can.

Papers Received

Canadian — *Canadian Philatelic Magazine, The All Around Stamp Advertiser*.

American — *International Philatelist, Philatelist, Washington Philatelist, Bay State Philatelist, Post Office, Philatelic West, Columbian Philatelist, Oregon Naturalist, Pennsylvania Stamp, Texan Philatelist, Evergreen State Philatelist, Dixie Philatelist, Mekeels Weekly Stamp News (4 numbers), Junior Philatelist, Midland Philatelist, Fireside Philatelist, Philadelphia Stamp News, Niagara Philatelist, The Youth's Comrade, Bee-Hive Philatelist, Philatelic Literature Collector, International Stamp*.

Foreign—*The Monthly Post, Philatelic Journal of Great Britain, Revista De La Sveciedo, Philatelic Chronicle and Advertiser*.

There are still some philatelic papers published which have not put us on their exchange list, and we wish they would do so at once, as we intend to start a Literary Review next month, and ask all papers to comply with our request if they wish to see their papers appear in our review column.

In future all exchanges will oblige us by sending two copies to W. A. Beatty, 88 King street, St. Catharines, Ont., and not to Mr. Widdicombe, as he has severed his connection with this paper.

The rarest stamp now known is the 10-cent Baltimore, on white paper, which was found lately by a party on the hunt for rare stamps. The value of this rarity is placed by some at \$5,000.

New York Notes

By Gotham

The market here is very dull at present.

"B. N. A.'s" are somewhat lower than they were.

Mr. Needham of Hamilton is offering some good stamps.

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The Duett Stamp Club of Toronto

Another Letter from Ed. Bee,
which Reports the Second
Meeting of this Peculiar Club

To the Editor of the Ontario Philatelist.

The second meeting of the Duett Philatelic Club was a success, and our president, Uncle John, was on hand promptly and called the meeting to order. After a little talk on the coming convention season, I showed him my Sons of Philatelia membership card, and the official ballot which was mailed on the 4th of July. As I was unable to go to the convention, he witnessed my proxy and I mailed my ballot. Next came my new possessions that I had made for the past week, and he gave me a pointer or two about using the hinge. He said to gum it flat to the top of the stamp first, and then bend it and gum into its place in the album. I've only got a cheap album now, but he has promised when the Toronto fair opens to buy me a good one. I have not yet decided what it shall be, but I guess it will be like his, and that is only a letter book the same as one copies letters in. It makes a fine

album—clean, white tissue paper, and it seems to show off the stamps so well and not cost much either.

I then read a letter addressed to the society by a collector in the city who wanted to join, and after some discussion it was laid on the table. The president's address came next, and was as near as I can remember as follows :

By the act of the 31st Congress, entitled "An act to reduce and modify the rates of Postage in the United States and for other purposes." The stamps of July 1st, 1851, were issued in pursuance of that act. The one-cent was blue in color, and had a bust of Benjamin Franklin in profile. In outline capitals above is "U. S. Postage." Below the oval in the same sort of a letter is "one cent." The stamps were very near each other on the sheet, which accounts for the blue streak on one side on the one you have in your collection, the stamps having been separated by scissors, and sometimes the postmaster got a little careless. The plate impression is 19 x 22 m m, on white paper. The three-cent has a bust of Washington in profile to the left, similar to the one-cent, and above in colorless capitals "U. S. postage," and below "three cents." Plate impression 20 x 25 m m, color red. The twelve-cent bust of Washington, after Stewart and

above bust, in same sort of letters as in the one and three-cent stamps, is "U. S. postage," and below "twelve cents," plate impression 19 x 25 m m, color black. On September 29th, 1851, there were two stamps issued, as it was desirable to keep the amounts collected and paid for delivery by carriers separate. One-cent bust of Franklin in profile to left, the inscription above was "Carrier's," and below "stamp." It was very similar to the 3-cent stamp, and was 19½ x 24 m m in size, printed in indigo blue ink on white paper. This stamp gave way in November of the same year to the "eagle carrier stamp." One cent, eagle poised for flight, turned to the left, resting on a branch of laurels, above in colorless Roman capitals was "U. S. P. O. despatch," below "Prepaid, one cent." The plate impression was 19 x 25 m m, and it was printed in blue on white paper. These stamps were printed by Messrs. Toppan, Carpenter, Cassilar & Co. of Philadelphia, and were used principally in Philadelphia, Washington and Cincinnati.

After a little debate as to why these three values were issued, our president promising to enlighten the society further at our next meeting, we adjourned.

ED. BEE.

Convention Reports

American Philatelic Association

The eleventh annual convention of the American Philatelic Association was held August 11, 12 and 13 in the Hotel Lafayette, Minnetonka Beach, Minn. About thirty-four members were present, Mr. C. W. Kissinger at the afternoon ses-

sion of the first day withdrawing his nomination, owing, no doubt, to the grave charge of buying votes and proxies, which charge was pressed against him by Mr. H. Gremmell of New York. The following officers were elected:

President—F. Folney.
 Vice-Presidents—Messrs. W. C. Vanderlip, G. L. Toppan, J. L. Kilborn.
 Treasurer—N. W. Chandler.
 Secretary—Joe F. Beard.
 Assistant Secretary—H. B. Phillips.
 International Secretary—E. Doebelin.
 Supt. of Sales—Geo. D. Mekeel.

The members of the Association accepted the invitation that was tendered them to visit St. Paul and Minneapolis. As we go to press we have not learned where the next convention is to be held, but we suppose at some summer resort.

Sons of Philatelia

Late reports announce the following officers elected, with the number of votes polled for each successful candidate:

President—Benj. P. Thomas, 234.
 Vice-President—J. E. Tahn, 102.
 Secretary—R. M. Miller, 292.
 Treasurer—P. L. Messer, 256.
 International Secretary—R. J. Russell, 139.
 Librarian—Fred M. Townley, 184.
 Supt. of Sales—Chas. E. Shaw, 254.
 Auction Manager—E. L. Kelland, 207.
 Purchasing Agent—Leon G. Lambert, 175.
 Counterfeit Detector—Frederic Noyes, 150.
 Attorney—J. A. Wainwright, 185.
 Trustees—H. A. Parks 186, H. F. Dunkhorst 181, W. F. Ward 159, Washington, D. C.

The motion of Mr. Kissinger to make *Pennsy* the official organ was lost. The next convention will be held at Nashville, Tenn.

Philatelic Sons of America

Reports reach us that Mr. Oney K. Carstarphen has been elected

President, and that the Ashcroft ticket has been defeated.

A better report of the Conventions will be given in the September number.

The D. P. A.

The Dominion Philatelic Association was organized in September, 1894, with a charter membership of 20. For a short time this organization enjoyed a healthy growth, so that about six months later a total membership of 63 was registered.

For some reason unknown to me the affairs of the Association seemed to proceed slowly after this little start-off, and by December 1895, or about nine months later, only about thirty more had joined. It was at this time that a great change was necessarily made, and since that time the membership roll has increased rapidly. This change was occasioned by the secretary-treasurer, Mr. W. S. Weatherston of Toronto, removing to New York, so of course another officer had to be chosen to fill the vacancy. This was Mr. Irving E. Patterson of Guelph, formerly of Wyandotte, Mich., who has since proved his ability to manage the affairs of the Association, and the way things have advanced since his election is marvellous. Verily I say unto you: "He is the greatest worker the D. P. A. ever had," and the most efficient officer ever elected. He is running for the same position again this year, and who is the member who would not vote for him? Vote for men who will work for the interests of the Association, and not to gain fame for themselves. The membership roll is

fast approaching the 200 mark, and we hope by the end of the year to have 300 members attached to the list.

Mr. Patterson announces his intention of remaining in Canada another year, and we are pleased indeed to learn this, as the D.P.A. is sure of success. It was his intention to return to Michigan.

Vote for A. M. Muirhead for president, L. S. Graham for vice-president, Irving E. Patterson for secretary-treasurer, and the *Ontario Philatelist* for the official organ.

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The *Advertiser's Friend* is announced to appear from Stoughton, Mass.

The first number of the new *Michigan Philatelist* has appeared, but we have not seen it.

With No. 5 the *Philatelic West* commences its second volume, sporting a new cover. A change in size is also noticed.

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Special attention should be paid to the advertisements of Messrs. H. D. Ruehlman of Sharon, Wis., and A. Loewitt of New York.

A recent visitor to our sanctum was Mr. C. A. Needham of Hamilton. We are sorry that we were unable to see him, as we were otherwise engaged.

The *Ontario Philatelist* is in the field for the official organ of the D. P. A., and we ask all members to give us their support, as we intend to make this paper one of the best that Canada has ever seen.

Owing to the intense heat it was impossible for us to issue a July number. Subscribers will not lose by this, as their subscription will be extended one month. We promise, however, in the future to appear on the fifteenth of each month.

The A. J. of P. states that the two-cent Canada 1868 issue has been discovered, on ribbed paper. We also note in the *Canadian Philatelic Magazine* that one of their correspondents has a vertical pair of 1868 half-cent black on thin laid paper.

On September 9th and 10th the Dominion Philatelic Association will hold their annual convention in the city of Toronto, Ont., when the great fair of Canada will be opened. The days chosen are on

the programme as American Citizens' day and Farmers' day—two of the very best days. Everything will at this time be in full running order. The fair itself is not equalled anywhere in America. The committee of arrangements have prepared plans for an excellent and enjoyable time. There will be a tour of the fair, trip around the city on the electric cars, including a visit to the great parks for which Toronto is justly famous, a visit to Toronto's Coney Island, and, if the visitors are willing, a dinner down town or at the fair. If you want an enjoyable time do not fail to come, and see if the Canadians cannot give you a right royal reception.

Notes and Comments

Elections are all the "go" at present.

The *Daily Stamp Item* has been reduced to one dollar per year.

Be sure to read our special premium offer, and then send your subscription to this paper.

I have seen the Texas and Michigan Philatelic directories. Both are nicely printed on very fine paper.

The firm of Stanley Gebbons recently purchased a collection for \$10 that cost the original owner just \$345.

Two deaths have occurred in New York lately: that of Mr. R.R. Bogert's mother, and a young son of Mr. C. Witt.

"Better late than never" is the May number of *Philatelic Facts*, arrived July 16. Though typographically poor, its contents are good.

Collectors in Paris, France, are having an epidemic of thieving. Five or six roughs have been arrested lately, and a vigorous prosecution will ensue.

The *Lone Star State Philatelist* has consolidated with the *Texas Philatelist*, the *Michigan Philatelist* with the *International Philatelist*, the *Seneca* with the *Philatelic Paragraph*, and the *Groveland Stamp* with the *Boston Philatelist*. Next?

A new Confederate local has been discovered which was issued by the postmaster of Milledgeville, Ga. A local of the 5c. denomination is known and catalogued, but the new visitor is said to be a 10c. stamp issued in 1861. Later information has been received to the effect that the above is a stamped envelope, and the popular Washington dealer, Mr. C. F. Rothfuchs, has it in his possession. R. W. G.

This is the reply which a man sent to a bill from his bookseller: "I never ordered the book; if I did you didn't send it; if you sent it I never got it; if I got it I paid for it; if I didn't I won't."

Clippings

A New York dealer in medicinal tablets received some time ago an order to send six dozen boxes of his goods to a druggist doing business in San Francisco. The entire shipment weighed sixteen pounds. To send the goods by express would cost \$3, that being the rate for twenty pounds adopted by the express companies, and sixteen would not be carried for less. The goods were finally forwarded by mail at a cost of \$2.46 cents—a saving of 54 cents; but to go at this price they had to be divided into six packages, each one separately addressed and prepaid by 41 cents in stamps affixed.

UNUSED STAMPS

How Uncle Sam Redeems Envelopes that are Spoiled or Misdirected

One of the most interesting branches of the postal service is that which is devoted to the redeeming of stamped envelopes which have been misdirec-
ted. A person of an observing turn can spend a very profitable half hour there any time listening to the stories told by the men and women of how they came to spoil so much valuable stationery. Indeed, it is a remarkable thing how so many envelopes get misdirec-
ted, many large firms returning them in lots of several thousand at a time. The clerks who have to count them say that it is all gross carelessness, and they point to the way in which the envelopes are returned—some back to back, and others folded and twisted into every possible shape. All this means extra work for the

clerks, who have very little spare time on their hands.

The envelopes are redeemed in all cases possible, many packages being received which have obviously not been misdirec-
ted. For instance, if a firm goes out of business and has a quantity of envelopes left over, the chances are that a marking brush will be drawn over the edges instead of a few pen scratches being made on each envelope. There are many ways in which envelopes can be spoiled for business purposes, and if a list of all the peculiar cases were made it would fill a book. One man recently brought in a boxful over which he had spilled a bottle of ink, while another had a large quantity that had been badly damaged by fire, and a third appeared with a lot that he claimed had been gnawed by mice.

The government, of course, loses nothing by these transactions. It has been already paid for the envelopes and printing, and it redeems only the face value of the stamps. The New York office makes payment not in cash, but in postage stamps, and these stamps have to come out of the regular supply, as the department at Washington will not recognize any demand until the misdirec-
ted envelopes have been counted.

The Postmaster-General is urged in some quarters to face the music of the postal rates, and go back to the one-cent letter charge in cities, and a uniform charge generally. U. S. letters, for instance, come to Canada at a 2c. rate, and ours go to the U. S. at 3c. Then the charge of 5c. for registering is pointed out as unreasonable. Two

cents would be ample. The rate used to be two cents throughout Canada and five cents to the United States and the United Kingdom. Why not come right down to a uniform rate, and reduce the charge to two cents all round, no matter what the destination of the letter or parcel registered may be?

Papers Received

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American—Post Office, Texan Philatelist, Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News, Monthly Observer, Evergreen State Philatelist, Dixie Philatelist, American Journal of Philately, Philatelic West, Philatelic Paragraph, Oregon Naturalist, Youth's Comrade, Philatelic Free Lance, International Stamp, Bay State Philatelist, Philatelist, Boston Philatelist, Fireside Philatelist, Stamp Collector's Directory, Philatelic Facts, Badger Philatelist, Niagara Philatelist, International Philatelist, American Collector.

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DUETT STAMP CLUB

Another Letter from Ed. Bee

He Tells of the Two Conventions
and the Great Fair at
Toronto, Ont.

The Issue of 1851

To the Editor of the Ontario Philatelist.

Well, the great fair is over, and the conventions are things of the past. Our president, Uncle John, has just returned from St. Paul, Minn. I've found out where he goes every summer now; it's to the stamp conventions, and he has promised that I may go with him next season.

There was a stamp convention in this city the last week of the fair, but I did not get to it. I didn't know anything about it until it was all over.

Last Wednesday night was our regular meeting night, and there was a full attendance at the club parlors at Uncle John's house. The secretary (which is I) read the minutes of the last regular meeting (we're running the Duett Stamp Club on strictly business principles), which were adopted, and the club proceeded with the order of business, which was in part the

discussion of the reason of the 1851 issue of the U. S. stamps. Our president gave us the following:

"The one-cent was required for newspapers and other printed matter; the three-cent paid the usual letter rate, and two or more were required for double, triple, etc., letters. The single postage to California was 6 cents, and it seems singular that a stamp of this value was not issued, as it was also the double letter rate. In its place were used two three-cent stamps, or a twelve-cent was cut diagonally from corner to corner (our president showed me one so used). The twelve-cent, therefore, must have been the double California rate. For foreign letters the rate was, unless provided for by treaty, 10 to 20 cents. Soon followed an act of Congress in March, 1855, to reduce the postage; and then followed the fifteen-cent stamp, issued in that year. It consisted of a portrait of Washington, after Stewart, on an oval disc with lathed ground, bordered with a colorless line between two fine colored lines, on a lathed background, bordered by outline foliatus which formed small ovals. In each of the upper corners was a colorless "X," with "U.S. postage" in like capitals between them. There are thirteen colorless stars on the ground above the oval, and "Ten cents" in colorless capitals

in a waved line below. The color was green on white paper, and was 18 x 24 m m plate impression. The five-cent, issued in 1856, was a portrait of Jefferson facing three-quarters to the right on an oval disc with lathed ground, and was bordered just like the ten-cent, in a broad frame with solid ground, ornamented with colorless lines forming a lathe work. This frame was rounded at the corners, with projective sides, and is surrounded at a little distance with a fine colored line forming the same outline. On the background without labels, above "U. S. postage," below is "five cents." The plate impression is 19 x 25 m m, printed in shades of yellow-brown, red-brown and dark brown, on white paper. This stamp was issued to prepay the registration fee, but was also often used to prepay postage to California, which had been reduced to ten cents. In the same year a twenty-four-cent value was also issued. It has the portrait of Washington, after the same artist as in the ten-cent value, and facing three-quarters to the right, on an oval disc with lathed ground, bordered by a colorless line surrounded by a solid band of color, inscribed in white Roman capitals above "U. S. postage," and below "Twenty-four cents," and was separated by a sort of buckle at the sides. A broad, solid, colored frame surrounded at a little distance by a fine, colored line. The frame was ornamented by a colorless lathe work, and the corners are rounded, with a single swell between them above and below and three between them at the sides. The color was lilac on white paper, and the plate impression was 18½ by 24½ m m. Although this stamp was issued and approved of,

it was held in imperfect condition. But I have seen one or two specimens; one whole sheet is known to have existed."

"There," said Uncle John, "this society stands adjourned until next month, when we take up something else."
ED. BEE.

CHARGES WITHOUT PROOF

They Caused a Great Sensation Among Local Stamp Collectors

Georges Carion has Received a Letter of Exoneration from New York

From the San Francisco Call of August 20

About two weeks ago one of the greatest sensations in the history of the local philatelic or stamp-collecting fraternity was produced by the publication of certain charges made against Georges Carion by his ex-clerk, George M. Schiller.

The latter claimed that he had entrusted to his former employer a consignment of French colonial stamps valued at \$400, and that Carion had taken certain valuable stamps from the books in which they were fastened, and had substituted counterfeits and inferior specimens.

Schiller followed up this remarkable accusation by securing a search warrant for Carion's premises, with the object of recovering the alleged missing stamps, but the search was without result.

Meanwhile, Carion, in the presence of reliable witnesses, sealed

the stamps, among which were alleged to be the counterfeits, in an envelope, and forwarded them by registered mail to the consignors, the Scott Stamp and Coin Company (limited) of New York city, with the following letter :

SAN FRANCISCO, AUG. 5, 1896.

Dear Sir: I have sent by registered mail the four books of French colonies, which you had sent on approval to George M. Schiller, and from which I have retained stamps to the amount of \$14.91, which amount I will remit by next mail.

Please examine the stamps very carefully, as Mr. Schiller has insinuated that some of them have been substituted or replaced by poor or less valuable specimens. Please acknowledge receipt of stamps to Mr. Schiller, and let me know at once about the matter.

This brought forth a prompt reply from the New York firm, and one which Mr. Carion and his friends consider a complete refutation of the charges made by Mr. Schiller. This communication follows :

SAN FRANCISCO, AUG. 11, 1896

Georges Carion, San Francisco, Cal.

DEAR SIR: We have received your letter of the 5th, and also the four approval books of French colonies stamps by registered mail. We find your statement of account is correct, the net amount of \$14.90 having been removed.

We have looked through the books, and so far as we can remember, and to the best of our belief, the stamps remaining in the books are those which were originally there. As requested, we shall write Mr. Schiller to that effect.

In view of this exoneration of Mr. Carion, mystery shrouds the motive which prompted the charges made by Schiller and leaves, the latter in a rather peculiar position. Mr. Carion is inclined to look upon his ex-employee's action in a charitable manner, and attributes it to a hallucination.

Review

Special attention should be paid to the advertisement of A. Loewitt of New York.

We did not know there were so many collectors in Texas until we received a copy of the "Texan Address Book," compiled by Mr. Huesinger of Santo Antonio, which will be very useful to those who desire correspondence with any of the names that appear in it. The book can be obtained for 15 cents from the above gentleman, and is worth double the price asked for it.

"The stamp collectors' handbook and directory of Michigan" has been sent us by the compiler, Mr. W. H. Kessler, jr. It contains a list of names and addresses of (1) collectors, (2) dealers, (3) publications in the state of Michigan, including portraits and short biographies of some leading philatelists. The book is very neatly gotten up and is well worth the price asked for it (25 cents), and can be obtained from Wm. H. Kessler, jr., station A., Detroit, Michigan.

We have recently received "The Souvenir and year book of the P. S. of A. for 1896," and it is a marvel of the printers' art. It contains the portraits of the officers, president and vice-presidents, and of other prominent collectors and dealers. It contains a list of stockholders, branch societies and interesting notes concerning the society. It will make a valuable addition to anyone's library, and is useful to those who are connected with the P. S. of A. It can be obtained of Messrs. Lang and Althouse, Baltimore, Md., for 25 cents, and is well worth the price asked for it.

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Editorial

Owing to the refusal of second-class rates, Philatelic Facts has been discontinued.

We are pleased to learn that Bro. Jewett of the Philatelic Era has recovered from his recent illness.

Have you read our premium offer? If not, send us your subscription at once. It will pay you.

A new philatelic weekly has appeared from Jackson, Mich. We have not yet seen a copy, and ask the publishers to put us on their exchange list.

Owing to the lateness of this number we have left out our other convention reports, as we believe all collectors have read them.

The Metropolitan Philatelist informs us that 200,000 sets of the Nova Scotia cent issue have been discovered, minus the 5-cent value.

The best Convention report that we have read is to be found in the August number of the International Stamp, and we must compliment them on their truthful reports.

General A. D. Hazen, formerly assistant postmaster-general for the United States, has been pronounced insane. Old-time dealers and collectors are familiar with his signature.

Mr. John N. Luff recently reconstructed a sheet of Canada 1868-9 issue, and found the watermark to be the name of the makers of the paper, E. & C. Bothwell, Clutha Mills.

Some good articles on the postage stamps of B. N. A. will appear in a few months; also remember we start a Writers' Competition in the November issue. Subscribe! Subscribe!

We have not seen the Canadian Philatelist or Stamp Lore for some time. They have no doubt been so discouraged by the refusal of second-class rates that they have discontinued publication.

Owing to a mistake on our part the review of the Texan Address Book and the Stamp Collectors' Hand Book of Michigan was omitted from our last number. It will be found on another page.

The present $\frac{1}{2}$, 1, 2 and 3c. present issue of Canada is now printed in sheets of 200. Plate No. 1 and 2 is to be found in the $\frac{1}{2}$ c. stamp, also the latter stamp has been retouched, giving it a lighter appearance.

From numerous requests we have decided to extend our premium offer to December 31, to enable all collectors to reap the benefits of this grand offer. Also our special offer to advertisers will be extended to the same period, when both will be withdrawn.

The editor and a few of the St. Catharines collectors were at the annual Convention of the D. P. A. held at Toronto (Ont.) September 10 and 11. Although there was not so large a gathering as we would like to have seen, yet all appeared to enjoy themselves.

The charges brought against Mr. George Carion of San Francisco by a former clerk of his prove to be without foundation, and we reprint a clipping from the Morning Call. Parties who try to injure anybody's character should be severely dealt with, which would teach them a lesson to remember.

Mr. J. D. Bartlett, ex-president of the S. of P., was recently married to Miss Alma Stevens of Steamburg, N. Y., and H. C. Beardsley of the International Philatelist was married at Atchison, Kansas, Aug. 5, to Miss Fannie Johnson, a society belle of that city. They both have our wishes for a successful and prosperous life.

One reason why the dealer finds it to his advantage to place his advertisement in our columns is because we do no advertising ourselves, so that we cannot cut prices for stamps, as some publishers do. Bear this in mind when you make your contracts for the fall and spring trade, and don't forget the Ontario Philatelist.

The advance sheets of the 57th edition of Scott's Standard Catalogue will be out in a few days, and there are numbers of our readers are not able easily to pay the \$5 they ask for this special privilege, and the dealer will have the advantage over you in some respects. If you are not a subscriber to our paper, you should read our "Special premium offer" and send us your subscription at once, as we intend in the October number to publish these advance prices in sections as soon as we receive them, and as far as our support will permit. So help us all you can by sending either a subscription or an advertisement.

First Annual Convention of the Dominion Philatelic Association

The first annual convention of the Dominion Philatelic Association was held at Toronto, Ont., September 9 and 10.

Owing to the absence of the President and Vice-president, Mr. McMahon was elected Chairman, and Mr. A. H. Adams acted as Secretary. About seventy-five members were represented in person and by proxy. The Committee on Credentials was appointed as follows: A. H. Adams (Chairman), Wm. R. Adams and R. G. Widdicombe.

The election of officers resulted as follows:

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The Trustees will appoint a Vice-President for each Province in the Dominion, and will decide the next convention seat within the next six months. The places named are Halifax, Toronto and Niagara Falls (Ont.)

Convention Echoes

The Fair was enjoyed by the visiting members, and comments were many on the fine exhibits. The fireworks were grand.

Messrs. Adams, Lowe and Wilby

had a very fine exhibition of stamps in the main building, which were much admired.

Messrs. Beatty, Graham, Widdicombe and A. H. and W. R. Adams had a "happy group" taken which is considered good, and if possible we may give a photo-engraving of same in a later issue.

L. S. Graham is all right, at least the girls said so.

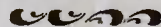
A. H. Adams is a fine fellow, and as Secretary-Treasurer he is the right man in the right place.

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Canadian — Canadian Philatelic Magazine, Canadian Weekly Stamp News.

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Foreign—Monthly Post, L'Emancipation, Philatelic Journal of Great Britain, Philatelic Chronicle and Advertiser, General Anzeiger für Philatelie.

We have also received Auction Catalogue No. 65 from Bogert & Durbin Co., and Price List of Mexican Stamps of Mr. J. V. Revelo, Mexico D. F., for which the donors will kindly accept our sincere thanks.

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The Telegraph Stamp of Canada

W. A. Beatty

The telegraph stamps of Canada are probably the least known of any of the stamps issued in Canada, and below will be a complete description of varieties that have been issued :

The first to issue Franks was the C. P. R. telegraph company, and the designs are as follows : It consists of a unique map of North America in a circle, around which are the words, "Canadian Pacific Railway" above, and "Telegraph" below, with half of the date at each side of the map. Below the circle is the signature of the manager, and below this, in a straight line, the word, "complimentary" ; at the top of the stamp the word "Frank," and below this the registered number in red. They were issued as follows :

DATE	COLOR
1887	Black
1889	"
1890	"
1891	"
1892	"
1893	"
1894	"
1895	"
1896	"

This is a complete list, and these stamps are very rare. The only complete sets that I have ever seen

are the sets in pairs in my own collection. They were printed by the British America Bank Note Co. of Montreal, and came in blocks of 4 in books of 25 each. They are very hard to obtain, as it is only through the head office that they are disposed of.

The next company that issued them was the G. N. W. telegraph company, and these may be described as follows : They are all of the same design, only printed in a different color each year. These stamps, although not so finely engraved as the C. P. R., are lithographed and on a different class of paper. The design consists of "Great Northwestern telegraph company" in a half circle ; inside this, a little lower, the words "of Canada" ; below this, in two straight lines, "Frank No." ; and below this again a blank space, in which is printed the registered number ; in a curved line across the bottom, "Complimentary" ; above this a fac simile signature of H. P. Dwight, the vice-president and general manager ; at the top, in each corner between the two dates, the word "the." The groundwork of the stamp is composed of fine engraved lines.

DATE	COLOR
1890	Blue
1891	Carmine
1892	Olive green
1893	Chocolate

1894 Dark green
 1815 Pale violet
 1896 ?

The stamp for 1896 I have not seen, and therefore cannot tell the color of it. I have also a complete set of this last issue in pairs, and can proudly say that I have sold a complete set of these telegraph stamps to Philip La Von Ferrary, the greatest stamp collector, and another set to Mr. H. E. Deats, a well-known American collector.



Coming Prices

Scott's 57th (1896) Catalogue

The advance sheets of the new catalogue are out, and show a marked change in some of the various stamps. Lack of space prevents our giving a list of all; we will only give prices of such stamps as have shown an advance. Only U. S. and B. N. A. will be quoted :

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10c. black.....	40 00

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1845, 5c. greenish	\$250 00
10c. greenish	250 00
20c. greenish	

One variety of the 5c., three of the 10c. and two of the 20c.

1846, 5c. gray lilac	\$400 00
10c. " "	300 00
20c. " "	

GENERAL ISSUE

1847, 5c. brown	\$ 7 50	\$ 85
10c. black	20 00	4 50
1851-56, 1c. blue (type 1) ..	50 00	25 00
1c. blue (type 2) ..	3 00	30
1c. blue (type 3) ..	50 00	15 00
5c. brown	50 00	13 50
10c. green.....	15 00	1 00
12c. black.....	25 00	2 25
24c. lilac.....	100 00	
1861 (Aug.), 1c. indigo blue		
3c. brown red		
5c. brown		
10c. dark green.....		20 00
30c. red orange....		
90c. dull blue		
1861 (Sep.), 1c. blue....	35	16
3c. pink.....	35 00	8 00
5c. yellow	50 00	8 50
10c. green	1 75	15
12c. black	2 00	40
24c. red lilac.....	10 00	1 50
30c. orange.....	6 00	60
90c. blue	20 00	4 00
1862-66, 2c. black	60	06
3c. scarlet.....	100 00	
5c. red brown	20 00	3 50
5c. brown	6 00	40
15c. black	7 50	50
24c. gray lilac	4 00	40
Laid paper.		
1c. blue		25 00
2c. black		
3c. rose		7 50
Embossing 18x16 m m.		
3c. rose	25 00	8 00
Embossing 12x14 m m.		
2c. black	40 00	7 50
3c. rose	20 00	2 50
Embossing 11x13 m m.		
1c. blue	6 50	1 50
2c. black	2 50	30
10c. green	5 00	1 00
12c. black	5 00	75
15c. black	25 00	5 00
Embossing 9x13		
1c. blue	6 50	1 25
2c. black	1 25	30
5c. brown	12 50	3 50
10c. green	5 00	75
12c. black	5 00	85
15c. black	7 50	1 50
24c. gray lilac	15 00	6 00
50c. orange	15 00	6 00
90c. blue	50 00	18 00

1869. Embossing $9\frac{1}{2}$ by $9\frac{1}{2}$ m m.		
1c. buff	1 50	75
2c. brown	1 25	20
6c. blue	4 00	85
10c. yellow.....	7 00	1 00
12c. green	5 00	75
15c. brown and blue	12 50	4 50
(picture framed)	7 50	2 00
24c. green and purple	20 00	7 50
30c. blue and carmine	20 00	3 50
90c. black and carmine.....	40 00	20 00
Same with picture inverted.		
15c. brown and blue	200 00	
24c. green and purple	200 00	
30c. blue and carmine.....	600 00	

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We will make a special offer of one inch three insertions, or a three-inch ad. one insertion, for only \$1. As a further inducement, we will give a year's subscription, besides the three inches of ad. space, to each dealer sending us \$1. This is made to test our columns as an advertising medium, and you should not pass it by. Remember, this is good for only two months, and will not be repeated. You will be so pleased with results that you will become one of our regular patrons.



J. Edwards' Philatelic Press List No. 3 has been received by us, and is far ahead of their first and second numbers. It is chock full of good things, both for the medium and advanced collector and dealer. It can be obtained from J. Edwards, Montreal, Que.

Papers Received

Canadian—Canadian Philatelic Magazine, Stamp Lore, Philatelic Advocate.

American — Pennsylvania Philatelist, Boston Philatelist, American Collector, Philatelic West, Trans-Mississippi Stamp, "Herald" Exchange, Western Stamp, Post Office, Eastern Stamp, Allegheny Philatelist, New York Philatelist, Fireside Philatelist, Columbian Philatelist, Pennsylvania Stamp, Weekly Philatelic Era (4 numbers), Home Worker, Monthly Observer, Mekeel's Weekly (4 numbers), Texan Philatelist, Phil Literature Collector, American Journal of Philately, Philatelic Tribune, Evergreen State Philatelist, Michigan Philatelist, International Philatelist, Philatelic News-Letter, National Tribune, Metropolitan Philatelist.

Foreign — Philatelic Chronicle and Advertiser, Phil Journal of Great Britain, Briefmarken Offer-tenblatt.

We have also received Auction Catalogues from Moses B. Page, Bogert & Slurbin Co., Henry Gremmell and W. F. Gregory; also Catalogues and Price-lists from R. Ralbrecht & Co., Bogert & Durbin Co., Hub Stamp Co. and H. E. Morey, all being acknowledged with thanks.

Take Notice

We have been sending you two copies of this paper since we started, and if this is marked you are on the list of papers who do not exchange with us, and no more copies will be sent to you unless you do. Send two copies to the editor if you wish to see us again, but if you do not desire to exchange before our next issue, your name will be marked off our books.

THE - ONTARIO - PHILATELIST

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Address all communications relative to above to the Publisher,

W. A. BEATTY

88 King Street,

St. Catharines, Ont.

We have not received the last instalment of "Ed. Bee's" letter in time for this number, and will have to go to press without it.

In future, all private postcards which contain the name and business card on the face of the card will be charged three cents postage.

All philatelic papers that contain the private advertisements of the publishers are to have their second-class rates taken away from them. Brother Adams, beware!

No, brother Jewitt, we did not

copy Scott's advance sheets from the Era, nor from any other paper, as we are independent as the rest, and do not wish it to be said that we cannot run our paper unless we have outside help.

Have you sent us in your advertising contracts for the coming winter season? If not, refer to our special offer, as you should not forget that we are already at work on our mammoth Christmas number, which will be a marvel of the printer's art.

So great has been the success of our premium offer that it has nearly cleaned us out of Revenues. In order to continue this till December, we have rearranged it so that we will now give some Canada and Newfoundland postage to make up the deficiency.

Another important change is that no newspaper published in Canada must contain a separate circular or price list sent out by leading merchants, as all papers found to contain such notices will be charged at the rate of 1 cent for every paper that has been sent out.

Some recent changes that are to be made by the new Liberal Government will interest our philatelic friends, which are as follows: The British American Bank Note Co., who have had the printing and engraving of all bonds, bank notes

and stamps, have received notice that their contract will be cancelled in six months. The secretary-treasurer, G. H. Burland, who is a strong conservative, receives the neat sum of \$200,000 each year for his work.

The placing upon the market of Nova Scotia remainders is a hindrance instead of a help to philately, although it is true that the average collector can now place these stamps in his collection, yet in consequence it will hurt the dealers and speculators to a certain extent who expected that they would realize a considerable revenue on these, and this great find has made some of them feel very blue over the results of too much speculation. It has also been reported that a large lot of remainders of the pence issues of Canada has been discovered, and if this should be the case it will prove a serious loss to those who have been holding the $7\frac{1}{2}$ and 12 pence. Time makes great changes, and let us hope that this year will put an end to the philatelic speculator.

The directory of Virginia Philatelic Address Book has been sent to us by Mr. H. B. Vesey, Norfolk, Va. The book is neatly gotten up, and will be found very useful to those who wish to increase their business. It can be obtained from the above named gentleman for only 10c.

Notes and Comments

R. G. Widdicombe

Nearly every philatelic paper you pick up announces the appearance of another.

In looking over a philatelic journal, I notice an item stating that Cuban stamps are very fashionable now. I am of the opinion that Canadian revenues are quite as fashionable just at present.

The stamp business is beginning to pick up again, and the dealers look forward to a brisk trade this season. Moral: Advertise in THE ONTARIO PHILATELIST if you wish to increase your winter's trade.

The talk of organizing the Ontario Philatelic Society seems to have about died out. A good thing could no doubt be made out of it if some few energetic collectors would take hold and push it along.

The D. P. A. is now in fine running order. If you are not a member, send to the secretary-treasurer, Mr. A. H. Adams, Whitby, Ont., for application blanks and full information regarding benefits, etc.

The majority of the members of the Dominion Philatelic Association seem to be in favor of amalgamation with the C. P. A. A committee has been appointed to negotiate

with Capt. Wurtele, president of the C. P. A., and, if satisfactory terms can be arranged, such a thing will no doubt be a reality in the near future.

Work on the Ontario Philatelic Directory is being pushed forward as rapidly as possible. I hope to have it in the printer's hands in the course of a month or so, but when it will appear is more than I can say at present.

Address Books seem to be all the rage just now. H. C. Beardley announces the Kansas, Iowa, Missouri, Colorado and Southern States Address Books and Directories of Philatelic Societies and Philatelic Journals. Next?

One reason why the dealer finds it to his advantage to place his advertisement in our columns is because we do no advertising ourselves, so that we cannot cut prices for stamps, as some publishers do. Bear this in mind when you make your contracts for the fall and spring trade, and don't forget THE ONTARIO PHILATELIST.

Special attention should be called to the advertisement of C. Bailey of Toronto. It is, in our opinion, a bargain.

Send us a trial advertisement, even if small. We feel confident that you will be surprised at the numerous answers received from it.

We have received a copy of the California Philatelic Address Book for 1896. It contains 20 pages, and has a list of some 200 names of collectors in that state, and is by far the best list of California collectors we have yet seen. Those who desire correspondents in that state should procure a copy, which can be obtained for 10c. from Facts Publishing Co., Riverside, California.

Messrs. J. M. Bartels Co. have our thanks for a copy of their U. S. Plate Number Catalogue. The book is of convenient size, and is neatly bound, and is invaluable to those who collect them. It should be in the hands of all who are interested in these interesting stamps. It is worth double the price asked for it, being obtainable for fifty cents from the publisher, J. M. Bartels & Co., Washington, D. C.

Stamps Stolen

On Oct. 6th, Vol. 1 Scott's 1894 edition, with U. S. and other countries alphabetically to Liberia, included all the current British Colonials, new (except Leeward Islands), up to 20 shillings.

If any stamps liable to come from the above album have been offered for sale by any party at St. Johnsbury (Vt.), or any other party appearing suspicious, please wire particulars at once at my expense.

S. A. STEVENS,
Portland, Maine, U.S.A.

Advertisers, did you ever consider the papers that you advertise in? Why do you patronize a paper which is mostly filled with advertisements of the publishers themselves? THE ONTARIO PHILATELIST has no dealer at the back of it, and therefore cannot cut the prices for certain stamps that are sent to his paper for insertion. Bear this in mind when placing your season's contract, and you cannot fail to notice an increase in your business by an insertion in this paper. Read and reflect on our "Special to advertisers," then send us a trial ad. and you will never regret it.

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and every collector should take it. Remember, to obtain the premium a self-addressed and 3c. stamped envelope must be enclosed with your remittance or else premium will not be sent. Present subscribers may take advantage of this offer by sending us the subscription price and stamped envelope, and subscription will be extended 1 year.

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FREE! All sending for the above and
enclosing a good reference will receive
free a set of Cuba stamps cat. not less
than 50 cents. Send at once.

E. MARKS, 169 McCaul st.,
Toronto, Ont., Can.

Dealers Attention!

Have you sent your ads. to H. D. Ruehlman for Wisconsin Phil. Blue Book or Minnesota Stamp? If not, write at once for rates, etc. It will pay you.

H. D. RUEHLMAN,
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ED. BEE'S LETTER

No. 4

To the Editor of the Ontario Philatelist.

The Duett Stamp Club had a most interesting meeting last month, or rather several interesting meetings; and we are learning something new every time. The address of our President is the feature of every meeting, and at the one of which I write you now there were present several of Toronto's most prominent Philatelists. I think I am getting to be a great man philately speaking, and our club seems to be quite the thing. We received a goodly number of members into the fold at our last meeting, and they were duly initiated and instructed in the art of philately. Our membership will be limited, however, and any who want to join had better address me through you at once. Our next meeting will be held on the 15th, and I shall tell you about it for the readers of THE ONTARIO PHILATELIST in due time. At our last meeting our President told us of the 1857 issue of U. S., which is a continuation of the series of addresses of which I have written you. He said:

"So far as known, there was no change in the law that created the 1857 issue; and without any announcement the three cent

type, 1851, was issued unperforate on the 24th of February, 1857, and the other values followed shortly, and so remained until late in 1860. They were perforated 15 holes in the space of two millimetre. On June 15, 1860, the twenty-four cent was issued, which has been described before by me, but was not regularly issued until now. It was 18½ by 25 m.m., lilac on white paper. On August 12, 1860, appeared the thirty cent. It was the head of Franklin in profile to the left, and was very similar to the carrier stamp. It was on an oval disc, with latched background bordered by a colorless line ornamented by a single fine colored line, a colored background, and has a shield of the U. S. in each of the four corners behind them ornamented by colorless rays with ornaments on each side. Above and between the ornaments was in two lines "U. S." and "Postage" in colorless capitals below "30." to the left side "Thirty," and to the right "cents." It was printed in yellow on white paper, and the plate was 20 by 24 m. m., and was perforated 15. The day following this issue appeared the ninety cent stamp, and was a bust of Washington in general's uniform after Trumbol, facing three-quarters to the left on latched ground square below and arched above, bordered by a colorless line, solid arched label above, with colorless capitals

"U. S. Postage," and below in solid straight label was "Ninety cents." The plate impression was $18\frac{1}{2} \times 24$ m. m., and printed in deep indigo blue on white paper, and was perforated 15."

I shall not attempt to give you our President's observations on this issue, but in my next letter I will tell you all about them. The next meeting promises to be most interesting, and I hope a goodly company will be present.

ED. BEE.

Coming Prices

Scott's 57th (1897) Catalogue

The advance sheets of the new catalogue are out, and show a marked change in prices on some of the various stamps. We will only give a few of the most important changes, as lack of space prevents our giving a list of all. Only U. S. and B. N. A. will be quoted:

(Continued from October number.)

NAT. BANK NOTE PRINT		
1870-71	New	Used
1c (9x11 $\frac{1}{2}$)	\$ 5 00	\$ 50
2c	5 00	15
6c and 7c	15 00	4 00
10c	35 00	10 00
12c		75 00
15c	25 00	6 50
90c	25 00	7 50
1c, no grille	3 50	15
2c	2 00	05
3c	2 50	05
6c	5 00	20
7c	8 00	75
10c	20 00	20
12c	12 50	75
15c	6 00	50
24c	17 50	2 00
30c	10 00	75
90c	12 50	1 50

AMERICAN BANK NOTE CO. PRINT		
1879—		
15c	50	20
30c	2 00	20
90c	7 50	1 25

Re-issue, 1880—

2c black brown	50 00
7c scarlet verm	50 00
12c black purple	50 00
24c dark violet	50 00

CONTINENTAL BANK NOTE CO. PRINT

1873 agriculture.	Thin, hard paper—		
1c	4 00	4 00	
2c	1 25	1 00	
3c	40	25	
6c	75	75	
10c	7 50	6 00	
12c	10 00	8 00	
15c	4 00	3 50	
24c	5 00	4 00	
30c	5 00	4 50	

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

1c and 2c	10 00	10 00
3c	7 50	7 50
6c	20 00	20 00
10c	12 50	12 50

INTERIOR DEPARTMENT

1c	25	25
2c	30	15
3c	25	10
6c	50	05
10c	75	50
12c	60	40
15c	75	50
24c and 30c	1 00	75
90c	3 00	2 50

JUSTICE DEPARTMENT

1c	2 00	2 00
2c	4 00	4 00
3c	2 00	75
6c	2 50	1 00
10c	3 50	3 00
12c	3 50	2 50
15c	7 50	6 50
24c	20 00	20 00
30c	25 00	25 00
90c	60 00	60 00

NAVY DEPARTMENT

1c	1 50	1 50
2c	65	65
2c green (error)	40 00	
3c	40	20
6c	60	50
7c	15 00	10 00
10c and 12c	2 50	2 00
15c	3 50	3 00
24c	5 00	4 00
30c	5 00	3 00
90c	15 00	10 00

POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT

1c and 2c	25	25
6c	30	15

10C	2 00	2 00
12C	1 00	75
15C	1 50	1 00
24C	1 25	1 25
30C	1 00	1 00
90C	2 50	2 00

STATE DEPARTMENT

1C	3 50	3 50
2C	7 00	6 00
3C	75	75
6C	1 00	1 00
7C	3 50	3 00
10C	3 50	2 50
12C and 15c	5 00	4 50
24C	10 00	8 50
30C	8 50	8 00
90C	15 00	13 50
\$2	25 00	25 00
5	135 00	
10	70 00	
20	60 00	60 00

TREASURY DEPARTMENT

1C	35	15
2C	35	12
6C	20	10
7C	2 50	1 50
10c and 12c	50	25
15C	15	30
24C	12 50	5 00
30C	75	35
90C	2 00	1 00

WAR DEPARTMENT

7C	2 50	2 50
10 and 12c		30
15C	30	30
24C	75	75
30C	50	50
90C	1 50	1 25

(Continued next month)



From Messrs. Alfred Smith & Co., the well known English dealers who recently moved to London, E. C., we have received a useful and instructive booklet, advertising their famous "Rowland Hill" packet of stamps. Each country is taken up separately, with its history, etc. It is priced at the low rate of 15c. postpaid, and is instructive and useful even if the reader does not want the packet advertised.

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Foreign — Philatelic Journal of Great Britain, Monthly Post, Philatelic Chronicle and Advertiser.

We have also received Price List of Postage Dues from Raynor Hubbell Stamp Co., Buffalo, N. Y.; Catalogue of U. S. Stamps from R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York; Catalogue of Auction Sale of Philatelic Literature from J. M. Chappell Jr., Macon, Miss.; Auction Catalogue and Price List from W. F. Gregory, New York.



The Canadian Philatelist has been discontinued on account of the refusal of second-class mail privileges, and has been absorbed by Stamp Lore, which will retain all the correspondents and other features of the former journal.

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The C. H. Mekeel Co. announce the appearance of the third edition of their address book consisting of 11,000 names. The price will be \$1.00, and it will be out sometime in December.

The Christmas number of THE ONTARIO PHILATELIST will be of special interest to all classes of dealers and collectors, as we intend to have a large circulation, and if you are a dealer would like to have an ad. from you. So send us your ads. at once, as we go to press on or about the 20th of the month.

The trustees, assisted by the Vice-President, are busy drawing out the constitution and by-laws of the D. P. A., which will be submitted to the members shortly.

We have received circulars announcing the organization of the "American Stamp Dealers' Association," with headquarters at Detroit, Mich., the object being the collection of bad debts.

Mr. T. S. Clark of Belleville, one of Canada's veteran stamp dealers, will shortly retire from the business, as his duties as accountant of the Bank of Montreal in the former place requires his whole attention.

The contract for the printing of the Canadian stamps has been renewed for a further term of five years, and it may be expected that a new issue of stamps may be a result of the new contract.

It is altogether likely that the D. P. A. will have a branch in St. Catharines, Ont., as Mr. L. S. Graham, Vice-President, is endeavoring to form one and is meeting with good success. Although our V. P. is not receiving much newspaper talk, he is doing good work.

With this number we enter upon our new duties as official organ of the Dominion Philatelic Association, at least for a time, until the

matter is finally decided by a vote among the members; and if THE ONTARIO PHILATELIST should be chosen, we will endeavor to make it one of the most attractive papers that has ever been published in Canada.

A new postal issue for Canada has just been issued for foreign use. The design is a great improvement on the previous stationary, and has the inscriptions printed in English and French, the latter being the official language of the postal union. The card has the Queen facing to the left, being similar to the 1868 issue, and is printed red on buff card.

Notes and Comments

By R. G. Widdicombe

The Herald Exchange improves with each issue.

Canadian stamps are bringing good prices at present.

The Trans-Mississippi Stamp is now published by a stock company.

Mr. J. F. Dodge of Columbian Philatelist fame has removed to New Oxford, P. A.

A neat and attractive private card is that issued by R. M. Miller, publisher of the American Collector.

Who will be the one to publish the next Provincial Address Book?

The Halifax Philatelic Magazine will appear Dec. 1st, with Messrs. Muirland and Van Malder at the helm.

The Canadian Philatelic Magazine for October is adorned with an artistic cover, which improves its appearance greatly.

THE ONTARIO PHILATELIST has secured the official organ ship of the D. P. A., and the first report appears in this number.

An entertainment fund for the Omaha conventions is being solicited, \$1 being least limit, to be paid July 1st, 1898, if Omaha gets the meet.

One reason why you should advertise in THE ONTARIO PHILATELIST is because the publisher never inserts his own ads. in his paper, thus giving his patrons every advantage.

Nova Scotia is at present a good country for specialism, since its stamps have so greatly dropped in value on account of the recent discovery and output of remainders. These stamps are now very cheap, and probably never will go any lower in value, therefore get them while you can.

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| 175 Dr. R. M. Bateman, Pickering, Ont.
176 Michael Brown, Minden, Ont.
177 Wm. Dunn, Minden, Ont.
178 H. S. Seaman, Brockville, Ont.
179 J. M. Nettleton, Brockville, Ont.
180 D. B. McCullough, South Bris- | bane, Queensland, Australia.
181 J.W. Alderson, South Brisbane, Queensland, Australia.
182 James F. Rood, 22 Kaye St., Halifax, Nova Scotia.
183 S. Ambrose Thompson, Ilderton, Ont. |
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The above members will receive their membership certificates upon receipt of dues to Jan. 1st, 1897, amounting to six cents; or to Jan. 1st, 1898, amounting to thirty cents.

APPLICATIONS

- Emiliano Martinez, 46 Sta. Rosabaja, Santiago de Cuba. Refs., F. D. Sawyer and I. E. Patterson.
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The above applicants will be admitted to full membership on Dec.

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With this number we publish our report in 'THE ONTARIO PHILATELIST' for the first time. We trust that the change will prove satisfactory to all members. New and complete mailing lists have been supplied to the publishers, so that the prompt arrival of this paper each month is assured to each member.

A mark in blue opposite this paragraph signifies that your dues for 1896 to the Dominion Philatelic Association are still unpaid. If your dues are still unpaid when we publish our next report, we will be obliged to drop you from our lists and cease sending you this paper. We trust that all members in arrears will hasten to settle their accounts with the Association.

From the monthly reports of the Secretary it may be seen that our society is rapidly and steadily increasing. We hope that each member is doing his best to make this Canadian society of ours one of the largest and finest on the continent. Let each member secure at least one new member for the next report, and see then what a glorious list we will have. The newly elected Vice-presidents are doing good work, and we ask that each member in his district will give them his co-operation.

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Will You Help?

By Everett Byron Horn

Let us for a while look forward to the brighter hopes and expectations of our delightful pursuit. With the coming year cannot each individual collector try every week to do something of benefit to philately? Can he not induce some of his acquaintances to start a collection of the most fascinating of all collectable things, namely, postage stamps?

For a moment or two let us diverge from our subject, and view the last year's progress.

Has not our hobby gained in numbers? Has not the system of exposing fraudulent persons been greatly improved and perfected, and has not the number of this petty class of philatelists, if such we may call them, greatly diminished? Yes, *sans doute*, and many more benefits and pleasures of philately been introduced into our scientific hobby.

But now to return to our "iter inceptum." What we are seeking, at present is a means of increasing the popularity, doubling, aye, if possible

tripling the vast number of partisans who now enjoy the acquaintance of our invincible philatelia. This can readily be accomplished by the each-one-for-himself method—if you will pardon the phrase. Doubtless some philatelists will say to themselves that, since many of their wide-awake brethren are gathering new contingents for our hobby, it is unnecessary that they should also strive to obtain new collectors. Ah, me! this is an almost unpardonable error. Let each man for himself try to bring new collectors amongst our numerous joys. It is possible, we are sure, for we have already tried it with successful accomplishments upon more than a single person.

There are many, many people whom you can with very little effort persuade to follow in the much-trodden path of philately. First get hold of somebody whom you know, and show them your own collection, explain all to them, let them examine your library of philatelic publications, tell them all about our societies, the good times we have, auction meetings, conven-

tions, etc., and do not release your hold upon them until you have succeeded in inducing them to make a beginning of stamp collection. Then don't forget to present them with as many varieties of stamps as you can spare. Also give them a few philatelic publications (current ones if possible), and inform them where they can procure good albums and such articles.

Will you not try to remember these few little advices, and will you not, for the benefit of philately, heartily attempt to win over more recruits to the philatelic phalanx? We are sure that, if each individual would brace up and pitch in with a bound-to-win vigor, the ensuing year would have few equals in the annals of philatelic history. Now, gentle readers, in closing we wish to beg your pardon for having detained you with these lines, yet we feel that something must be done to "boost" philately to the top round of the ladder of success. So let all do their best to help, as every little counts, and let all exclaim: "Vivat philatelia."



Philatelic Journalism in Ontario

By R. G. Widdicombe

It would be an extremely difficult matter for those not acquainted with philately to believe that twenty-five years ago there was not

a philatelic paper published in Ontario.

The first paper published in the Province was the *Stamp Advocate*, which appeared from Toronto in 1875, and since that time our journalism has enjoyed a steady growth. Like many of its successors, this paper lived but a short time, and was forced to give way to the many other attempts which soon followed.

During the year 1877 I note two more papers, the *Philatelic News* and the *Toronto Philatelist*, both of them being published at Toronto. Neither of them lived to complete a volume, the former publishing but one number, while the third number ended the latter.

The *Coin and Stamp* was the next paper to appear from the Province, it coming from Toronto also. After publishing two numbers it also gave up.

The papers just mentioned were the first attempts at journalism in Ontario, and were doing a good work, making the way clearer for the much better and higher class journals which have since appeared, many of them being a credit to the country in which we live.

The next paper was the *Canadian Philatelist*, which was of a somewhat better type than those previously published. This paper was started by Mr. L. T. Baker of Whitby, and after the first few numbers appeared to be well patronized by advertisers. It con-

sisted of from 8 to 16 pages monthly, and was a well gotten up magazine. After publishing seven numbers, Mr. Baker was forced to give it up, and sold out to G. A. Lowe of Toronto, who had a short time previous launched the Toronto Philatelic Journal upon the troubled sea of journalism.

(CONTINUED IN NEXT NUMBER.)

Notes and Comments

By R. G. Widdicombe

Have you joined the D. P. A.?

The Pennsylvania Stamp has suspended publication.

The St. Paul Philatelic society is now a branch of the A. P. A.

The much-talked-of Canadian number of the Philatelic Free Lance has been received.

It will be a disappointment to many to hear that very few Canadian stamps have advanced in the new catalogue.

A copy of the Ontario Philatelic Directory and a year's subscription to the Ontario Philatelist for 20 cents; regular price, 30 cents.

The firm of Cook & Dunbar of Bridgeport (Conn.) has dissolved partnership. Mr. Cook will henceforth deal principally in revenues at wholesale.

Papers Received

Canadian—Stamp Lore, Philatelic Advocate, All-around Stamp Advertiser.

American — Trans Mississippi Stamp, Philatelic Free Lance, Philatelic Literature, Dakota Philatelic, Weekly Philatelic Era (4 numbers), Filatelic Facts and Fallacies, Philatelic Tribune, American Collector, Herald Exchange, American Journal of Philately, Postage Stamp, Monthly Observer, Official Bulletin, Texas Philatelic Association, Philatelic Californian, Philatelic West, Mekeel's Weekly (4 numbers), Home Worker, Post Office, Philatelic Literaturist, Western Stamp; New York, Maryland, Eastern, Metropolitan, Evergreen State, Indiana, Columbian, Michigan Philatelists, Diamond Philatelist.

Foreign—Philatelic Journal of Great Britain and Advertiser, Philatelic Chronicle and Advertiser, Philatelistisches Borsenblatt.

We have also received the following: Price list No. 5 from the Naumkeag Stamp Co. Ltd., Salem (Mass.); price list from W. F. Gregory (New York); auction catalogues from Bogert & Slurbin Co., Philadelphia; from G. R. Tuttle, Newark (N.J.) from W. F. Gregory, New York; advance pages of Third Edition of Foreign Address Book from the C. H. Mekeel Stamp and Pub. Co., St. Louis (Mo.) All of which are acknowledged with thanks.

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Space forbids us to run coming prices, and as our next number will appear about the time that the new catalogues will be out for sale, we think it to be of advantage to withdraw it.

Mr. C. A. Needham of Hamilton (Ont.), while away on a trip, had his office broken into and some \$2,000 worth of stamps were stolen. They must have been experts, as they only picked out the finest specimens of old collections. Stock books were also taken.

We trust our readers will be satisfied with this, our "Christmas" number. It was our intention to have had a much larger paper, but thought that a small paper with good readable matter would be more suitable. We wish to call special attention to our advertisement columns, and request all to take advantage of the numerous

bargains and offers to be found therein.

"Rea," the Canadian correspondent of the *Mekeel's Weekly*, severely criticized a recent editorial concerning certain remarks made about the report of a find of Canadian pence issues that were discovered. If "Rea" would refer back to a recent issue of the *Metropolitan Philatelist*, he would find out where our information came from, and not be in such a hurry to rush things into the newspapers.

A meeting was held at the residence of the editor Dec. 3rd for the purpose of organizing a branch of the D. P. A. A large number were present, but the meeting was adjourned to a later date. Mr. J. Shack of New York was the guest of the evening, and showed some very good stamps of B. N. A. and U. S. Considerable selling and exchanging was done, and all appeared satisfied at the bargains they received.

We wish to call special attention to our "Premium offer," which is advertised on another page, that this will be the last month for those intending to subscribe. All subscriptions that are received up to the 10th of January will each receive premium; all those which show the postmark later than that date will just simply receive the paper for one year. Take advantage of this offer while it lasts, as

these stamps can never be purchased at a low rate, as they are now constantly increasing in value. So if you desire these stamps for nothing send us your subscriptions at once, and you will never regret it. Subscribe, subscribe.

Scott's 57th catalogue, as far as B. N. A. stamps are concerned, is a disappointment as to prices; very few of them have advanced. The reason is very plain, and may be told in a few words. A certain Canadian dealer recently took a trip to the United States, and simply filled up the dealers there at very low prices, and they naturally thought that, if one person could have so many B. N. A. stamps, they were quite easily obtained; but if such is the case, are the majority of those collectors who specialize in these B. N. A. stamps to be misled into this belief? No, certainly not, we say, and it will be easily found out, from the new catalogue on B. N. A. postage, which will appear shortly, that these stamps will be marked at a slight advance over Scott's 57th.

The Ontario Philatelic Association is again talked of. Stamp lore is heading the movement.

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The above members will receive their membership certificates upon receipt of dues to January 1, 1898, amounting to 25 cts.

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The above applications will be admitted to full membership on January 20, provided no objection is filed with the secretary previous to that date.

Our report goes to press two weeks earlier this month, so we are obliged to leave over till next report a number of applications which we understand are on the way to us.

Over three hundred applications blanks have been mailed to collectors

this month. We trust each person will give us his aid in building up our Canadian society.

I desire to call the attention of members to the exchange superintendent's report published herewith. Mr. Humphrys is working hard to make his department a success, and it will be to the advantage of all members to avail themselves of its advantages.

I wish all the members of the D. P. A. a Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

Philatelists will find it to their interest to join the D. P. A. Initiation fee 10 cts., yearly dues 25 cts. For full information address the Secretary, A. H. ADAMS, Box 24, Whitby (Ont.)

Exchange Superintendent's Address

I wish to inform the members of the D. P. A. that the Exchange Department is now in good running order, and would ask those who wish to participate in the benefits derived from the department to send at once for blank sheets, which will be supplied at 5c. each or six for 25c., which should be filled up and returned as soon as possible. Those who have stamps to either sell or exchange will find this department greatly to their advantage. The rarer the stamps the better.

The membership of the D. P. A. has increased nearly 200 per cent. within the last year, and if I receive the hearty co-operation of all members I intend to make this one of the most flourishing exchange departments on the continent.

I have received numerous enquiries as to the rules of the department. To save time and trouble in answering future ones, I will endeavor to give the information necessary.

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7. Each member will be rendered a quarterly statement of his account by the exchange superintendent, and any deficiency must be settled in cash.

Any further information I shall be most willing to give. I trust each and every member of the D. P. A. who has any duplicates to sell or exchange will send at once for blank sheets, and, to make the exchange department the leading feature of the association.

Yours fraternally,

W. G. HUMPHRYS,
Exchange Superintendent,
231 Jarvis Street, Toronto (Ont.)

As to the Amalgamation of the D. P. A. and the C. P. A.

To the Trustees of the Dominion Philatelic Association.

We, the committee appointed by your board to negotiate with Capt. Ernest F. Wurtele of Quebec, president of the Canadian Philatelic Association, to find out upon what basis a union of the two Associations could be consummated, beg to report as follows :

1. In the matter of dues, we find that no sum under 50c. per annum would be considered by the C. P. A., and that their preference would be \$1 per annum.

2. The Presidence of the C. P. A. would require a meeting of representatives of the two Associations in January, 1897, for the purpose of considering all matters not touched on herein, and for the purpose of electing or appointing a new board of officers for the coming year.

3. Capt. Wurtele recommends a larger grant to the official organ, preferably \$50, and not less than \$25 per annum.

4. The president of the C. P. A. recommends that a certain sum of money (the amount to be determined by the state of the treasury) be paid to the Secretary in consideration of efficient services.

4. Capt. Wurtele expresses himself as quite in favor of amalgamation, substantially under the above named conditions, and your committee therefore beg to report that, under the foregoing conditions, they believe a union of the two Associations can be consummated.

Committee on amalgamation { ALEX. M. MUIRHEAD, Chairman.
CHARLES BAILEY.
RAYMOND S. BAKER.

Nov. 23rd, 1896.

For the benefit of those members who were unable to attend the late convention of the Association, and on that account are in darkness in regard to the amalgamation question, I publish herebelow the letter of Capt. Ernest F. Wurtele, which was read and discussed at the convention :

QUEBEC, AUGUST 20TH, 1896.

DEAR SIR: With regard to the subject of Philately in Canada, I note that your annual meeting is to take place next month. Would it be possible to have the subject of amalgamation taken into consideration at that time? If so, I would be thankful if you would submit the following for the purpose of getting matters under way, and with the object of ascertaining the views of your members :

1. That the Canadian and Dominion Philatelic Associations amalgamate into one Society in the general interests of Philately in Canada.

2. That, to bring about this result in a satisfactory manner, both Associations arrive at the same conclusions, and then decide upon some plan of action upon which to reorganize.

I would suggest as a proper and just plan that a list be obtained of all those

desirous of coming in under the new system, which would be as far as possible restricted to persons who were properly interested in Philately, and that this list should be the new Association from which nominations could be made and elections held; the selection of officers or nominations to be made irrespective as to whether a person belonged to either the one or the other Association, the main object being to get into office only such persons who could be counted upon to further the interests of the new organization. Such a step would, I believe, be the means of helping our cause, and would revive the subject in its proper light.

Hoping to hear from you at your convenience,

Yours truly,

ERNEST F. WURTELE.

Wm. R. Adams, Esq.,
Toronto, Ont.

Since convention time a committee was appointed to negotiate with Capt. Wurtele to find out upon what basis a satisfactory amalgamation could be brought about, and the above report is the result of their labors.

A. H. ADAMS,
Secretary.

Philatelic Pencillings

E. B. Horn Jr.

New Philatelic journals seem to be a kind of fad at present. So many new ones!

The Kentucky Philatelist has "turned up its toes," after issuing a single number. The Minnesota Stamp is another journal to die young.

Scott's advanced sheets of the 57th gave a pretty generous boost to revenue prices. However, we think the prices will be substantiated in most cases.

The auction season of this country has now come upon us, and has made a good beginning. Several sales have already occurred at various stampic centres.

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Philatelic Journalism in Ontario

By R. G. Widdicombe

(Continued from last number.)

The paper which I will mention now is the Toronto Philatelic Journal, one of the most successful Philatelic Magazines ever published in the province from a financial point of view. To use the publisher's own words in answer to a query, he says: "It was the only paper that ever paid me," and he issued several at different times; 24 numbers were issued in all, one being a double number. In the first year of its existence it consisted of four pages, each month being published in newspaper form. With volume II it appeared in a new dress, having from 8 to 20 pages each month with a fine cover.

During this time several papers had appeared, but all were published but a short time. The first one we shall mention is the Canadian Philatelist, published from Toronto in 1886. But one number was issued. In 1888 another paper named the Canadian Philatelist

appeared from Niagara Falls. It was a very good attempt, and from copies I have seen I would judge it as being a prosperous publication. Six numbers were issued, when it was removed to St. Catharines, Ont., and continued under the name of the Canadian Philatelic Journal. This turn does not seem to have been a very successful one, as but one number was issued after its removal.

In 1888 the Ontario Stamp Journal began publication from Niagara Falls, and after issuing its initial number it appeared no more.

In 1889 H. F. Ketcheson started the Dominion Philatelist, and proved his ability to run a paper for about five years, when, owing to various reasons, he was compelled to discontinue it. It was the official organ of the Canadian Philatelic Association while that society lasted, and no doubt did a great deal towards keeping it alive. Every Canadian collector was sorry to hear that it had ceased publication.

After the Dominion Philatelist began publication, the next paper to appear was the

Canadian Philatelist, which was first issued from London by L. M. Staebler in 1891. Three complete volumes were issued, when the second-class rate privileges were withdrawn and Mr. Staebler was compelled to discontinue it.

In March, 1896, Mr. Staebler again commenced his paper, but as he was unable to secure second-class rates he amalgamated it with Stamp Lore.

(Continued in next number.)



Postage Rates of Canada in 1837

By *W. A. Beatty*

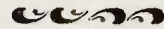
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Ottawa Notes

By *Acadia*

The Ottawa Philatelic Society seems to be dead, as they have had no meetings to speak of during the last few months.

John R. Hooper will have to serve his term of 25 years in the penitentiary, which was imposed upon him for attempted wife murder three years ago, Sir Oliver Mowat, Minister of Justice, having reported adversely to any commutation.

I would suggest that the next convention of the D. P. A. be held at Ottawa or Kingston, the mouth of the Thousand Islands. Philatelists will remember the A. P. A. convention held at Clayton, N. Y., in 1895, and as Kingston is just across the river it would be a very suitable place for a convention seat. How will it be to have it nominated for 1897?

The recent find of Nova Scotia cent issue was for years laid away in the next room to where the Ottawa society held their meetings, and knowing they were there they made strenuous efforts to get them, but without success until the Halifax syndicate succeeded in

obtaining them through the Hon. W. S. Fielding, the present Minister of Finance in the Laurier Government.

There are murmurings of discontent over the government's action in awarding the contract for engraving and printing Dominion bank notes, revenue and postage stamps, post cards, etc., to the American Bank Note Co. of New York. The British American Bank Note Co. of Ottawa has had the contract hitherto. It is said that \$120,000 will be saved by the change, and the new contractors must locate their works at Ottawa. The Government is being pressed to make the new company employ Canadian labor.

Representations have been made to the postmaster-general that it would be fitting for the Government to recognize the Queen's jubilee year by an entirely new issue of postage stamps. Since the matter was first called to the attention of the Hon. Mr. Mulock, some of the philatelic societies and collectors have been moving in the same direction, although doubtless these gentlemen are more interested from a personal than from a patriotic standpoint. On his return to Ottawa, it is said that the postmaster-general will decide whether or not to recommend his colleagues to make a change in the present stamp issue.

Papers Received

Canadian — Stamp Lore, Philatelic Canadian, Philatelic Messenger, Halifax Philatelic Magazine, Philatelic Advocate, All-Around Stamp Advertiser.

American — Post Office, Weekly Stamp News (4 numbers), Weekly Philatelic Era (4 numbers), Philatelic Free Lance, Philatelic News Letter, Stamp Advertiser, Philatelic Literaturist, Oregon Naturalist, Herald Exchange, Philatelic Facts and Fallacies, Home Worker, American Journal of Philately, Philatelic West, Trans Mississippi Stamp, Youths' Comrade, The Visitor, The Stampman, Official Bulletin of the Texas Philatelic Association, American Collector, Monthly Observer, Philatelic Californian, Our Philatelia, Philatelic Literature, Western Stamp, Philatelic Literature Collector, Eastern, Evergreen State, Standard, International, Texan, Metropolitan and Columbian Philatelist.

Foreign—Philatelic Journal of Great Britain and Advertiser, Monthly Post, Philatelic Chronicle and Advertiser.

We have also received price lists from A. F. Wicks, London, Ont.; from J. Gontier, 4 rue d'Ambroise, Paris, France; A. F. Cooke, Honolulu, H. I. They may be obtained by addressing the above for them, all of which secure our hearty thanks to the donors.

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Those who have subscribed to this paper and have not received the premium offer which we advertised will learn that their subscriptions came too late, as the offer closed on December 31st, and the most of the letters we received bear the date from January 7th to the

17th, so are not entitled to the offer.

We are now busy on a catalogue of the postage stamps of British North America, which will appear shortly, giving the true market value of these interesting stamps, together with a list of shades and the different classes of paper on which they were printed, and will be of benefit to both dealer and collector.

Mr. C. Bailey of Toronto, Ont., the newly elected exchange manager of the D. P. A., was a recent visitor to St. Catharines, the guest of the editor and Mr. Widdicombe, who showed him around the different places of interest. A trip to Niagara Falls to view the great cataract and historical surroundings was much enjoyed, and Mr. Bailey seemed well pleased with his visit.

The report of the amalgamation meeting, which was held in Toronto, Ont., on Jan. 28, appears in another part of this paper, and the readers will see that the Ontario Philatelist is named for official organ. We are not desirous of making any great effort to push our paper ahead of others, but we have this to say, that when W. R. Adams of the Canadian Philatelic Magazine dropped from being the official organ, there was no Canadian paper that had second-class rates, nor were they in a position to ac-

cept that office on account of the very low rate which the secretary asked for it, except the present journal, which, as you all know, has always taken a deep interest in the welfare of the D. P. A., so we accepted the same, although it was at a loss instead of a net gain. During that time the Ontario Philatelist has appeared promptly, and has always given a large amount of space in which to give the various reports of the D. P. A. The Ontario Philatelist is one of the three Canadian papers that has been granted second-class rates, and has nearly twice the circulation of any other journal, and we hope to see that on February 25, when the poll is closed, that your vote is recorded for the Ontario Philatelist for official organ, who will continue to work for the society the same as in the past. Vote early, and don't forget the Ontario Philatelist, and you will never regret it.



Review

A neat check list for U. S. revenues has just been sent us by E. T. Parker, Bethlehem, Pa., with which a collector can tell at a glance what stamp he is lacking in his collection. It may be obtained from the above address for only 10 cents.

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The Philatelic Literature Collector for December consists of an excellent list of names of Maine collectors. It will be found very useful to those who wish to correspond with collectors residing in that state. Copies can be obtained for 10 cents from the publisher, L. H. Mutch, Houlton, Maine.

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CHANGES IN ADDRESS

- 154 Claude Sanagan, Sarnia (Ont.)
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RESIGNATIONS RECEIVED

- 123 C. A. Reynolds, Montreal
 11 R. W. Ashcroft, Brooklyn (N. Y.)
 136 A. H. Spencer, East Clarendon (Vt.)
 143 Emil Albrecht, Chicago (Ill.)
 13 C. W. Kissinger, Reading (Pa.)
 39 Chas. G. Hart, Pipestone (Minn.)

DECEASED

- 171 Fred W. Ward, Barrie (Ont.)

NEW MEMBERS

- 192 Wm. A. Lydiatt, Wallaceburg (Ont.)
 193 R. H. Baker, Minden (Ont.)
 194 James F. Irvine, St. Catharines (Ont.)

APPLICATIONS

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The above applications will be admitted to full membership on Feb. 20, pro-

vided no objection is filed with the secretary previous to that date.

Upon the resignation of Mr. Humphreys, Mr. Chas. Bailey, Toronto, has been appointed exchange supt. Mr. Bailey is anxious to make his department a success. I trust the members will give him their aid. Each member has been mailed a card notifying him to the effect that the dues for '97 are now due. The large number of members who have already responded is indeed encouraging. If you have not already done so, send in your dues now, as it will certainly be to your advantage and to the welfare of the society.

OBITUARY

Members will be grieved to learn of the death of Bro. F. N. Ward of Barrie (Ont.), which occurred December 21, resulting from congestion of the lungs. In February, 1896, he suffered from his first attack, and from that time, till the day of his death he gradually faded away.

Fred N. Ward was born in November, 1880, being the youngest of a family of six. For the last five years he has been interested in stamp collecting. Until the last he was cheerful, patient and unselfish, and although he lost interest in nearly all outside matters, his love for his stamps grew stronger, and anything in connection with them never failed to interest him. He was on the lookout for every opportunity to promote the interest of Philately, and had the welfare of the D. P. A. at heart. He leaves his parents, a brother and three sisters to mourn for him.

A. H. ADAMS,

Secy. Treas.

REPORT OF AMALGAMATION MEETING

The amalgamation meeting of the Dominion Philatelic Association was called to order by the president at 4 o'clock, Jan. 28, 1896, in the office of Mr. Walter McMahon, Toronto.

All members present expressed their opinion on the question. Communications were read from the following members who were unable to attend: R. S. Baker, D. B. Crockett, Bertram J. Bishop, R. G. Widdicombe, W. A. Lydiatt, B. R. Morris, John S. Ross, J. A. Wainwright, Mrs. A. H. Hall and Findley Weaver. It was found that with one exception all members were in favor of amalgamation, but on condition that the dues should be placed within reach of all the members of the society, namely, initiation fee of 15 cts. and yearly dues of 30 cts.

It was therefore moved by M. C. Bailey and seconded by Mr. Adams: That the convention recommended amalgamation with the Canadian Philatelic Association, on condition that the annual dues shall not exceed 30 cts., with an initiation fee of 15 cts.; that the president be instructed to negotiate with Capt. Ernest L. Wurtele to that effect.

Moved by W.G. Humphreys, seconded by W. R. Adams: That as there is no immediate prospect of amalgamation, nominations now be received for a permanent official organ of the society, the appointment of same to be decided by a mail vote of the members. The following papers were then nominated: Ontario Philatelist, Philatelic Canadian, Stamp Lore, Canadian Philatelic Magazine and Halifax Philatelic Magazine. The polls to close Feb. 25th, 1897.

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ED. BEE'S LETTER

No. 5

To the Editor of the Ontario Philatelist.

DEAR SIR: I had a chance the other day to see one of the finest collections of proofs and essays of the United States stamps that there is in the country, and I am going to tell you about it. I suppose you will publish this letter, and so I will explain a little, as I have no doubt but what there are lots of your readers who do not know what a proof or an essay is. There are two kinds of proofs—die and plate. Die, or hub plates as they are sometimes called, are impressions taken from the die when first engraved, and before the plate has been made. They are distinguished from the ordinary plate proofs by having large margins, much larger than is possible from a plate. Plate proofs are impressions from the plates that the stamps are printed from, hence they have but small margins, simply that which is perforated in the original. Most of the die proofs are printed on India paper, and the others, plate proofs, are

printed on India paper and fine cardboard. Essays are designs for the stamps, supposed to have been submitted to the government and rejected on account of not filling the qualifications in the estimation of the officials to whom submitted. Many of them are as handsome as any of the stamps ever issued by the United States government. Some it is next to impossible to procure; and others, owing no doubt to the plate or die being in existence, can be bought for a mere trifle. A few years ago proofs and essays were seldom seen even in the finest collections; but now, owing to philatelic influence and the persistency of the pages in the house of representatives, who had a pull with the members of Congress, in a measure no doubt increased the interest in them and the money in the pages' pockets as well.

I think the essay specimens are the most beautiful of all philatelic treasures, and I will simply mention a few of those I saw: 1st—Large "3" in centre, "postage" above, "cents" below in lathe work oval, die

proof in red, black, blue, brown and green. 2nd—Franklin to left, "U. S. postage" above, "three cents" below, India proofs in black and red. 3rd—Similar design to No. 1, with addition of "U. S.," Washington to the right in circle, "U. S. postage" above, "three cents" below. 4th—Washington to right in niche, inscriptions same as the Franklin above, die proofs in fine colors. There were a number of others, but these are all I remember sufficiently to describe. I am in hopes of seeing them again, and if I do so will send a fuller and better description. These are very interesting, and I am in hopes I can add a few to my collection before long.

ED. BEE.

Ottawa Notes

By Acadia

At last I am able to inform your readers that Postmaster-General Mulock has now consented to issue a special Jubilee stamp of the value of three cents; the sketch of the approved design has been submitted to the British American Bank Note Co. to be engraved. It will be nearly as large as the American Columbus issue, and will consist of two portraits of the Queen, one as she appeared sixty years ago and one as she appears now.

One of the officials of the B. A. Bank Note Co. was

telling me the other day that Newfoundland was to issue a new set of stamps on June 14, consisting of the values of $\frac{1}{2}$, 1, 2, 3, 6, 10 and 15 cents, which will also be a commemorative issue. Let all the other British colonies fall into line, and give us something that British subjects will be proud to look at and recall the 60th year of a happy and peaceful reign of our beloved Queen Victoria.

Postmaster-General Mulock is to attend the Postal Congress to be held in Washington (D. C.) in May, when the home officers will try to get a cheaper rate of postage between the different colonies.

Stamps in Ottawa are very scarce just at present, and collectors are paying more attention to Parliamentary matters and learning the laws of the country.

The C. H. Mekeel Stamp Co. of St. Louis (Mo.) recently made an assignment for the benefit of their creditors to Mr. W. C. Beckett, for the sum of \$13,000. C. H. Mekeel, president of the company, will go to Europe, and possibly embark in the stamp business there. Geo. D. will still retain the Exchange Department of the A. P. A., while I. A. will continue the Weekly, and it is to be hoped that there will be a greater improvement in that periodical than formerly.

Review

We have received a very neat want list from E. T. Parker of Bethlehem (Pa.), which in our opinion fills "a long-felt want," as by a glance a collector can see at once what stamp or stamps he is in need of for his collection. It can be obtained from the above address for 10 cents.

The Collectors' address book for Colorado has been sent to us from Mr. O. K. Carstarphen of Denver (Col.), and is in our opinion taken from the pages of Bearsdley's address book, which requires time and patience to get the names in a readable condition. However, it is very neat to those who require names in that style, and it can be obtained from Mr. Carstarphen for 10 cents.

Obituary

We notice with regret the death of Mr. John K. Tiffany of St. Louis, who was for so many years president of the American Philatelic Association, and a student and interesting writer on subjects connected with stamp collecting. Mekeel's Weekly states that he was ill only a few days, undergoing a surgical operation which resulted fatally. His age was fifty-five years.

Mr. Tiffany was a graduate of Harvard College, and a lawyer, although he did not practice his profession to any great extent, giving his time instead

to the care of the large estate left by his father.

His collection of stamps was quite extensive, being very complete up to the time when he ceased to add to it a few years ago.

His interest of late had been in collecting philatelic literature, of which he possessed an almost complete collection.

The articles which Mr. Tiffany has written and the work which he has done, particularly in inciting others to labor in the endeavor to solve stamp problems, has been very great, and he will always be remembered as one of the great pioneers in American philatelic study and research.

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Owing to sickness, and the late date on which the ballot for official organ of the D. P. A. was held, there was no February issue, and we have issued our March and April number together, which accounts for our non-appearance.

When the first Canadian stamps came out, parties living in country towns were not accustomed to the use of stamps, and on one was written: "Paid if the blamed thing sticks."

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By a special offer from the publishers of the Philatelic Californian we can now offer the two magazines together for only 35 cts. Take advantage of this great offer.

The editor and Mr. Widdicombe were in Toronto on the 16th, and called upon all principal dealers and collectors there. Mention must be made of the kindness of W.R. Adams and C. Bailey, who did everything they could to make our visit pleasant.

From the last number of the Halifax Philatelic Magazine we clip the following article from their editorial, and cannot but admire the independent spirit of Brother Muirhead. The article in question is as follows: "To endeavor to change the official organship was outside the power of the amalgamation meeting. Among other papers, the Halifax Philatelic Magazine was nominated, but the publishers beg leave to state that they are not competitors in the present case. We are not participating in the dirty piece of work to filch the organship from Mr. Beatty's ONTARIO PHILATELIST and give it to a Toronto paper. At the next annual convention we may accept a nomination as official organ, but will not stoop to trickery and illegal means to gain our ends. In the language of to-day 'we don't have to.'"

Post office dummies! The postmaster of New York finding that deaf mutes could be used for certain work, there are now three in the postoffice engaged in stamping, and one in sorting. "When we get two noisy men," says the assistant superintendent, "we put a 'dummy' between them and so secure quiet."

THE ONTARIO PHILATELIST is no longer the official organ of the D. P. A., the members deciding in favor of the Philatelic Canadian. The sorrowful wail of the Philatelic Advocate was really amusing, and was enjoyable reading for ye editor. Why is it that you did not express your views before, as we would gladly have given you a chance to earn a few cents. Again, they accuse us of not placing their name on the list of papers nominated; the report of Secretary Adams was not very good, and he forgot to place the name on the ticket. Again, they blame us for not publishing the report of the President, Exchange Superintendent and Librarian. They were never received by us, and it would not be to our advantage to make up a report of our own.

Many dealers in the United States are under the impression that there is a tax on all stamps coming into Canada. Such is not the case, as the law has been obsolete for the past two years.

Judicious Advertising

Judicious scruples in advertising seem to be entirely lacking among certain classes of dealers in postage stamps. Some dealers place their advertising without any regard to medium or circulation. For a stamp paper to claim five thousand circulation is enough to induce some dealers, who ought to be "on their pins," to rush in their advertisements. But why not discriminate? Why not look before you leap? Why do you not consider the good qualities and the bad before placing your advertising? It costs cold cash to advertise. There are dealers who grumble and growl if they do not get a "pile" of answers to their one-inch notice. Perhaps the advertisement was wrong? perhaps it was the wrong kind of an advertisement in the wrong medium? Doubtless it was both, if it did not pay. "A crowded car doesn't insure a pleasant ride," neither does a stamp journal filled with dealers' advertisements pay so well as if the same had only half so many. Ten to one your advertisement in such a medium would not pay you, unless you offered some unusual bargain.

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the advantages of a magazine which is not full of advertisements. In fine, you do not have many competitors, and you are consequently more apt to catch the buyer.

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KERAS.

P. S.—And his pay!



The 12½-cent black Nova Scotia is very similar in coloring and general appearance to the 12-pence Canada, and is worth more in a used condition. It was for many years called the Queen of Stamps by old-time collectors, and is still equal to any engraving that has yet been produced, and, like the 8½c. and 10c. of the same series, it bears the portrait of Queen Victoria as she may have looked 35 years ago, and when examined under a strong glass one is amazed not only at the marvellous precision of every date and line, but Her Britannic Majesty seems to gaze serenely out with a startling similarity to life in the light of the calm and placid eyes. These stamps are beautiful, and illustrate the highest type of art in engraving, and form a set that will soon be out of the reach of the average collector.—*Weekly Philatelic Era.*

Ourselves

With this number we close our first volume, and beg to thank all those who have favored us with subscriptions and advertising patronage. A large number of our subscriptions expire with this number, and we ask all those to favor us with a renewal at as early a date as possible, as we intend to improve the appearance of THE ONTARIO PHILATELIST to a great extent, and we ask the co-operation of our retiring subscribers.



Many more such "floods" upon the stamp market would undoubtedly seriously effect it. Such a find is liable to occur any time in United States revenues. There are many, many rare revenues which still remain to be unearthed by philatelists.



The neatest address book that we have yet received is the Stamp Collector's Handbook and Directory of Ontario, compiled by Mr. R. G. Widdicombe of St. Catharines, Ont. It consists of 16 pages and cover, giving a list of some 200 collectors and dealers residing in the province; also a list of all stamp papers and officers of the Dominion Philatelic Association. It is a very useful book, and should be in every philatelic library and in the hands of those who desire reliable correspondents in Ontario. The price is placed at the low rate of 10c. per copy, and can be obtained from the above address.

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The Envelopes of Canada.

Postage stamps were first used in Canada in 1851, and at this time money was counted in a somewhat similar system as in the mother country, there being but a slight difference in value. For instance, 1s. 2d. in English money was equal to 1s. 4d. in Canadian currency. This state of affairs continued in force until 1859, when the decimal system was introduced, and in consequence a new "cent issue" of postage stamps appeared.

During this period of some eight years Canada had been without a stamped envelope, nor did she have any until a year later, viz., 1860. In this year the first issue appeared, the denominations being five and ten cents. In design the stamps were similar to the present issue but somewhat smaller.

The five cent had the Queen's head facing to the left in an oval, the words "Canada Postage" above, and "Five Cents" below, these words being enclosed in another oval on the outside of the stamp. Color, vermilion.

The ten cent was the same as the five cent in design, the color being brown. This stamp was also printed in vermilion and is listed as an error.

These envelopes are found on both "yellowish white laid" and "bluish white laid" paper.

This issue continued in use until 1877 when a reduction in postage rates took place, and the one and three cent envelopes appeared which have been continually in use up to the present time. They were printed on white laid paper though an occasional copy is found on wove, which variety is exceedingly rare.

In the year 1895 another envelope of the two cent denomination was added to the present set, the color being blue green. In design it is altogether different from the previous issues. It has the head of the Queen facing to the left enclosed in a circle. Above this is the words "Canada Postage," and below the word "Cents" appears on both sides of a large figure "2" which is also enclosed in a circle. Maple leaves adorn the sides and on the top is a beaver, which taken together make a very pretty stamp. It is printed on white laid paper.

This envelope is on sale only in the larger cities where mail is delivered by carriers where drop letters are two cents.

It is expected that a new issue will shortly appear to match the

set of adhesives just placed on sale, which will make those in use at present a very desirable thing to have, comparatively few being used, the majority judging it easier to use the regular stamps on their own envelopes.

It would no doubt be a profitable investment for anyone to buy a large quantity of envelopes of the various denominations and hold them till they become obsolete (provided they do) and even if they do not there would be nothing lost, as they would be available for postage at any time.

DOMINION.

The Local Society.

As an effectual stimulator of interest and enthusiasm in philately conducing to the highest welfare of our pursuit in general, we must tender the local club a conspicuous situation among the foremost. There, united into one body, the collectors of the vicinity assemble and engage in interesting discussions concerning philatelic topics of the day, or listen perhaps to some essay relative to the science in one of its many phases delivered by a brother member you have learned of some fact about stamps, doubtless, of which your collector-friends are ignorant; whereas they in all probability are cognizant of certain discoveries which have heretofore been unknown to you. You gather together into a social body and effect a mutual exchange of ideas and knowledge philatelic, thereby each participant becoming enriched in stampic lore. This is one of the great beneficial results derivative from and traceable to local society.

To be sure many of our larger cities support societies of this nature and character but a lack of interest apparently prevails throughout the smaller townships. We believe that wherever there are, at the very lowest estimate, six or seven philatelists residing within the confines of a single locality, they ought to combine and form a collector's club. Not only does it personally enlighten those who support such an organization, but philately as a whole becomes profited.

We might compare it to a wagon, heavily laden, drawn by four horses. Let these horses pull by jerks, as it were, relaxing in such a manner and at such a time as to leave but one horse working at a time. What is the result? The wagon doesn't move. But let these horses combine the force of their united strength and all pull together, and there is little difficulty experienced in moving the wagon readily. Just so philately. Therefore we come to the conclusion unite and form local societies all over the country. You educate yourself, you educate others, you increase your collection at a minimum, you inspire enthusiasm into the general public and give them a correct understanding of what philately actually is. In short the whole cause of stamp collecting in general is uplifted.

H. S. HAHN.

It is rumored that Boston may have a Collector's Club modeled after the one in New York.

There is a big demand for the Newfoundland provisional 1 on 3 cents at present. We consider the prices asked somewhat high.

This is News.

"Aloysius" in his "New York Correspondence" in February Perforator writes as follows :

On or about July 1, next, Canada will adopt the postal note system. Paper notes about the size of a bank bill will be printed on thin linen paper of the following denominations: 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 60, 70, 80 and 90 cents. \$1.00, \$1.50, \$2.00, \$2.50, \$3.00, \$4.00 and \$5.00. The cost of obtaining these notes will be one cent each up to 40 cents, two cents between that sum and \$2.50 and three cents each for all above that amount. These postal notes will replace the Post office money orders for the transmission of all small sums through the mails. The present money order system is a cumbersome and indirect method and wastes much time. It will be continued however, with some improvements, for the transmission of sums up to \$100.00. These postal notes are expected to prove a public convenience, doing away with the payment of accounts in postage stamps, the postal notes being payable at any money order office without the identification of the payee or any condition other than the presentation of the note. The system is very popular in England and the number of notes issued there in 1892, a year after the establishment of the system was 4,000,000, and four years later (1897) had increased to 67,000,000. It would be an excellent idea for the United States post office authorities to adopt this system also. It would do away with the habit of remitting postage stamps in payment to publishers, dealers, for society dues, etc., in the philatelic world.

This innovation will benefit everybody, even the U. S. Government.

While we believe that the above would be hailed with delight by all stamp dealers and collectors, we might say that this is the first we had heard about it.

New Issue Plate Numbers.

The plate numbers of the new issue of Canadian stamps consists of the inscription "Ottawa No 1" across the top of the sheet. The following is a list to date :

- ½ cent—No. 1, 2.
- 1 cent—No. 1, 2.
- 2 cent—No. 1, 2.
- 3 cent—No. 1, 2, 3, 4.
- 5 cent—No. 1.
- 6 cent—No. 1.
- 8 cent—No. 1.
- 10 cent—No. 1.

The higher values have not yet been placed on sale as a supply of the old stamps is still on hand. Additional lists will be given in future numbers of this paper.

Papers Received.

We have received the following publications up to time of going to press :

The International Philatelist, Junior Collector, Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News, Boy's Own Philatelist, Revenue Philatelist, Stamp Reporter, Allegheny Philatelist, Virginia Philatelist, Perforator, Herald Exchange, Omaha Philatelist, Lone Star State Philatelist, Philatelic Advocate, Philatelic Messenger, Evergreen State Philatelist, Eastern Philatelist, Columbian Philatelist, and Post Office.

Lack of space prevents a lengthy review.

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OUR SAY.

Well, we are here again. We can't give any particular reason for our appearance but think that a first-class magazine is one of "Canada's wants," and intend to make the ONTARIO PHILATELIST such. From the very first this paper has been a favorite with many collectors, who will be greatly pleased to see it resume publication, after its long visit to unknown regions. To tell the truth we didn't intend to make such a long stay but for various reasons we couldn't get back before. In the future we'll try to make our visits between times.

"Western Secession" seems to be the absorbing topic among our collecting friends throughout the Western States. We think that the eastern members of the Dominion Philatelic Association would be justified in seceding from their society after the treat-

ment they received a short time ago in their struggle for the 1898 convention, though we should prefer to have them remain with us, and when the proper time comes round, try again.

Since purchasing the paper from the former publisher we have re-written the lists of subscribers and made various other changes which we hope will be beneficial. We have tried to avoid mistakes, but if the names of any subscribers have been omitted and they have not received their paper, we will be pleased to have them notify us, when the mistake will be corrected and all back numbers sent them.

We are giving a copy of the Ontario Philatelic Directory free to all new subscribers. No return postage is required. The regular price of the Directory is 15 cents, but for 20 cents you get the book and a year's subscription to this paper.

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A letter from Mr. Joe F. Beard, of Muscatine, Iowa, was the first to reach us with the new issue of United States stamps. He has our thanks for same.

We have received from the publisher, W. R. Adams, Toronto, Ont., a copy of the second edition of his Canadian Revenue Catalogue. It consists of sixteen pages and cover and is well worth the price asked—10 cents.

We would like a good correspondent for Quebec, New York and California. State your own terms when writing.

The advertisement of W. A. Beatty on last page of cover is worth reading. Many snaps are offered.

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Over The Border.

From Wisconsin.

Beginning with this number I will, at the request of the publisher, furnish notes and items of a philatelic nature which I trust will interest the many readers of THE ONTARIO PHILATELIST.

The new U. S. post card is to hand. It is slightly smaller than the old issue on a poor quality of cardboard. We are also in receipt of the new one cent stamp which is now doing duty in many

instances with its older brother that has so long been suffering from an attack of the "blues."

We recently had offered to us a complete set of 1897 periodical stamps from 1c. to \$100.00, surcharged "Universal Postal Congress," (the only safe way to possess them) at \$125.00, but being short of the "necessary" we had to decline the liberal offer.

We are informed that Pres. L. J. Kramer is endeavoring to place the L. of A. P. on a sound footing again. Since the departure of the Philatelic Free Lance (it's official organ) to a higher plane of usefulness, the society has unfortunately fallen into a state of decay. We trust the members at large will cooperate with him in placing it in its old position.

I recently had the pleasure of a visit from Mr. N. G. Nash, the well known lawyer of Manitowoc, Wis., one of the leading philatelic lights of that state. After a pleasant stamp chat and the exchanging of a few duplicates, he departed with an urgent invitation "to drop in on us when you are down our way."

U. S. postage and department stamps, including rareties, are now being freely offered at 50 per cent. off the 58th edition prices. When we see such gilt edge stuff offered at such prices our memory takes us back to times when from 10 to 25 per cent. was considered a big discount. Verily, ye makers of catalogue prices it is time to call a halt, and price stamps at what they should be.

To show the absurdity of the catalogue price on the U. S. 1857

1 cent blue, type 2, catalogued at \$1.50, I recently picked a very fine copy off the books of a well known philatelist at the very low price of 5 cents.

We have received inside information to the effect that a number of well known Eastern dealers will shortly issue a catalogue wherein they intend to price stamps at their true market value. This is an excellent scheme and we trust it will be carried out. Then dealers will no longer be forced to sell at from 50 to 75 per cent off catalogue as they are at present.

From Virginia.

The Virginia Philatelic Association, of Richmond, Va., was organized August 10th, 1897. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

Franklin L. Kerns—President.

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John Paalzow—Sales Supt.

C. F. W. Moser—Counterfeit Detector.

The Virginia Philatelist, the official organ of the Association, is under the able management of Messrs. Kerns and Stearns. Associated with them is Mr. August Deitz, as editor.

The Association, although but six years old, has in that short period brought its membership roll up to a point that justly enables them to feel well repaid for their work. Organizing with eight members, that number has been added to monthly until there are seventy-five upon its roll book. Among them can be found the grey-haired stamp collector of olden days (say in the seventies, for I am one of the

grey-haired), also the boy philatelist of to-day. Yes, the gentle sex are there too—we cannot do without them. Our meetings are being held in the business part of the city so they are not regular in attendance, but we will soon have them at every meeting when we have secured quarters further up town.

There are several collectors among the ladies who have very fine collections, although they have been at it for only a short time.

The most zealous philatelist among us, Rev. Dr. Carmichael, is a native of your country. He has been collecting the "little beauties" since his boyhood. Among his rareties are the first and only "Sydney Views" I have ever seen.

Will not some fair philatelist tell their secret of collecting? The writer commenced at the same time that a young lady friend of his did, and at this time she has fifteen hundred or more without the expenditure of one cent, while I have spent all my change and have only a few hundred. There is something mysterious in their art of collecting which I would like to find out. Will not some fair one divulge the secret? In so doing I will stamp you as an everlasting friend, and you will always have a friend in the old stamp collector, "down south" in the—
"OLD DOMINION."

Nutmeg Gratings.

The publisher of THE ONTARIO PHILATELIST has almost taken my breath away by asking for a letter containing "Connecticut Notes." I have never posed as

a philatelist, and as yet am considerable of a novice in stampdom. But, as Canada philatelists have been pretty good to me, and wishing to gratify my friend Widdicombe, I will do the best I can. Connecticut is a small state and though my letter will be penned in Hartford I shall go outside often for inspiration.

I am not a particular collector. The album I place stamps in is the property of my son, and he is not "fussy" at all, especially as he prefers to have me do the work, so Seebecks, reprints, locals, match, medicine, and other stamps find a resting place. But lately I have been more serious and am confining his book to Canadian and United States issues, while I have a separate book for blocks, strips, pairs, and foreign revenues, chief among which are the Canadian.

Perhaps some of my Canadian readers may not understand the title "Nutmeg Gratings." It is not an original one with me, but I believe has never been used in the philatelic press, and as there is no patent attached to it I make bold to appropriate it. We in Connecticut have a reputation of being shrewd and sometimes of being tricky, and it is traditional that the inventive Connecticut Yankee has made wooden nutmegs and sold them for the genuine article. Hence Connecticut which is usually known as the "land of steady habits," is also called the "land of wooden nutmegs" or the "Nutmeg State," and "Nutmeg Gratings" refer to news scraped up in Connecticut.

Hartford (the city of the Charter Oak) has many philatelists, and there are some who

have large collections. I believe one gentleman has, counting foreign revenues, a collection of 17,000, another over 10,000, several 6,000, and so on down, and there are a half dozen or more dealers who do a mail business of considerable proportions. I believe there is no regular stand confining itself to philatelic business, but hinges and albums are kept in the stores. Although 24 trolley lines centre here, going from thirteen miles in several directions to eighteen in one other, I doubt if a store confined to stamps and philatelic goods would pay.

There are a few collectors here who keep stamps on the cover, and I keep all extra good ones that way myself, partly for the novelty and partly for the postmarks. The largest collection I know of in the vicinity is owned by an elderly lady in an adjoining town. She has a large bureau with four drawers crammed full of envelopes with the stamps attached. Quite recently she sold one for \$50, after steadily refusing offers at a lower figure.

The Connecticut Philatelic Society has, I believe, been abandoned. It was never a very large organization. This state has many philatelists but they belong to outside societies of older growth and size. The secretary, however, who lives here, is a very efficient official, and he is still one of the best exchange superintendents in a larger society, being a very competent man.

A "Merchants' Exhibition and Food Fair" took place in Hartford the first and second weeks in February. One exhibitor, S. Miyanaga, gave away business

cards with Japanese stamps, generally 2 sen red, attached.

[We are compelled to close these notes in order to give our readers a little Canadian news that has just arrived.—ED.]

Hamilton Notes.

THE ONTARIO PHILATELIST has requested me to be its Hamilton correspondent. I will endeavor to furnish bright and newsy notes each month for the benefit of its readers.

Mr. Crawford, of Toronto, was a visitor to Hamilton last month with a good stock of Weights and Measure revenue stamps.

The Canadian Philatelic Annual which was reported to be in press, (which would be about the 18th of January) has not as yet made its appearance in Hamilton and this is the 18th of February. To be or not to be; which?

The local Stamp Club held a business meeting Wednesday evening the 16th ult. It was decided that the club would rent a club room after the 1st of March. At the next meeting of business, preparations will start for the D. P. A. meet, and a fixed date for same will be made.

Capital Clippings,

OTTAWA, FEB. 21ST.

In this week's Mekeel we were startled by the announcement of a variety in the new half cent Canada. I have made some enquiries, in the matter, of officials, and will not believe in the variety until I see it. A difference in the quality of ink used would ac-

count for the change from black to so-called gray, a difference in the dampness of the paper at the time of printing would make a noticeable difference in the size of the stamp. As a matter of fact it is too early yet to look for varieties or changes of paper—all the half cents are yet printed from plate 1, and the only change that has been made is the change in dividing the sheet into two—the first 500 printed were printed in sheets of 200 and cut into two panes of 100, thus giving 20 stamps perforated on only three sides; all the subsequent printings are perforated down the middle and divided into two before delivery. In the first description the plate number was in the middle of the full sheet, now we get "Ottawa, No. 1." over the middle of each pane of 100.

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5. Articles are limited to 1500 words.

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The Ontario Philatelist.

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No. 2.

James H. Peckham.

Our cut is a good presentation of the outward appearance of Mr. James H. Peckham, the well-known dealer of Halifax, N. S. Mr. Peckham is twenty-two years of age and first became interested in the philatelic business in 1890. Between 1892 and 1896 his interest lagged, but he again fell a victim to philatelic charms in the fall of the latter year, when the firm bearing his name was founded. The business of the firm is managed by Mr. Muirhead, and is one of the substantial things in the stampic domain.

At the convention in 1897, Mr. Peckham was elected Exchange Superintendent of the Dominion Philatelic Association and he has placed that office on a working basis, though he reports very little interest on the part of the members.

He is a member of the Halifax Philatelic Club and is a regular visitor at the rooms of that organization. He is very popular with the stamp people of his native city, and when he brings his bijou graphophone with him on club nights he is quite the boss of the show.

We have never had the pleasure of meeting with Mr. Peckham, but we trust that he will be among the Halifax delegation in attendance at the next annual convention of the D. P. A., which is to be held in Hamilton during the coming

summer. A good time is guaranteed. Come with us.

R. G. W.



We will endeavor to present the portraits of one or more Canadian collectors each month, and will be pleased to hear from any who wish to "show themselves."

Philatelic Pen Points.

With this letter I introduce myself to the readers of THE ONTARIO PHILATELIST. I will be with you occasionally with the view of giving you "points" on philately in the United States, but particularly in Ohio. While it will be my duty to interest the readers of the O. P., yet it will be my endeavor to further and advance the interests of this journal when or wherever the opportunity presents itself.

The Market Report:—The condition of the Market has livened up considerable. There are many inquiries for British North Americans, especially the current issues. There is a good demand for U. S. Match and Medicine stamps and Canadian Revenues find a ready sale, while on the other hand I am informed by two of my correspondents that U. S. Revenues are steadily but surely declining. This is evidently true as is noticed by the unheard of discounts offered. The Newfoundland surcharge is in good demand and will be a good thing to keep.

"The Market Report" will be a feature of my letters. I have correspondents all over the country by whom I am informed, and with a number of opinions I am enabled to give a correct state of the demands of collectors. Please remember I don't intend to say such and such a stamp is a good thing to buy when it is not. I have in my mind several instances where certain stamps were often "boomed" in order to increase sales when it was not justifiable, but merely to help a dealer to unload that particular stamp or issue as he had a large

stock. When I say such and such a line of collecting is increasing or decreasing it will be bona-fide, and based on the demands all over the country.

Yes, we are going to have a Jubilee issue over here too. The Omaha Exposition or Omaha "Imposition" issue will be put on sale June next. I expect we shall soon see the S. S. S. S. opinion, "undoubtedly of a speculative nature, absolutely unnecessary, etc., etc.

Never done before but will be done now. Mr. Henry S. Adair proposes issuing an Ohio directory. The Buckeye State contains about 500 active collectors and also supports two or three good, live societies.

I had several other notes I wished to give to the O. P. readers but lack of space forbids. However they will appear in my next letter.

WILLARD.

Capital Clippings.

OTTAWA, MARCH 17.

A curious error of perforation was sent me from Barrie in a pane of the new 3-cent stamps. Instead of containing 100 stamps it only contained 90, there being a row of perforations outside the stamp in the east margin. In other words the perforating machine was set over one stamp too far to the eastward. The west pane if it could be found would contain 110 stamps, with no perforations on the west side of the westernmost row. The postmaster was charged with 100 stamps, and charged my correspondent for 100, a charge which he was quite ready to pay.

To prove my want of faith in the alleged difference of size in the half cents of the new issue, I have been sent pairs of the one, two and three cent values, in which the stamps differed very appreciably in length. By the way the "intelligent compositor" made me say last month that the difference in the colors of half cents was due to the quality of ink used—what I wrote was quantity. However, although they say that seeing is believing, I am still satisfied that we have not got into varieties in the new issue yet. All the plates and all the values are produced from the one die, and consequently must be the same length. The difference has arisen from shrinkage or stretching of the paper. All the stamps submitted to me were soaked off—the longer ones looked as if they had got most soaking.* There may be something in the way the meshes of the canvas come on the paper. In the case of the longer stamps the grain seemed to run lengthwise, in the short ones crosswise.

I have only to-day succeeded in examining one of the new 3 cent envelopes, which will be issued to post-masters on requisition next week. It is No. 2 size, 88x148 m. m., with plain flap on a good quality of thick, dead white, wove paper. The stamp, embossed in the upper right hand corner is oval, with the relief parts in white, and the sunk parts in the same bright red as the current 3 cent envelope. The Queen's head occupies a central oval 18 m. m. high by 15 m. m. wide. The head is a left profile with veil and very small crown. It is very nicely brought out, but the nose is cer-

tainly much more prominent than it should be. The medallion is surrounded by a very prettily engine turned band finished off outside with a white and colored narrow line. Above the head the word "postage" and below the head the words "three cents" in white block letters on solid curved labels with straight ends are let into the ornamentation. At the top of the stamp the word "Canada" in colored lines stands outside the design, following the curve, the outside colored line being broken to admit it. This rather spoils the symmetry of the design, which on the whole is effective, and the workmanship is certainly more artistic than that of the old. The effect of the engine turning lightens up the stamp and brings out the relief of the head to advantage. The extreme height of the stamp is 29 m. m. and its width 25 m. m.

The new envelopes are to be issued in only one size as above, and on only one quality of paper. This is better than our old paper, and also the current U. S. envelope. Notwithstanding this the price is to be reduced to 20 cents per 100, or 1 cent for 5 envelopes, a material reduction, which will probably encourage the use in Canada of stamped envelopes.

Envelopes can be had with the words: "If not called for in ten days, return to———" printed in the upper left hand corner if desired, and I believe without any increase in price.

*I have pairs of the two and three cent stamps unused, in which the difference in length is quite noticable. Have not noticed other values.—Editor.

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OUR SAY.

We are pleased to say that second-class rates have been granted us and thus the success of the paper is assured. We shall endeavor to be out every month promptly on time, and to furnish news that will be interesting to all classes of collectors.

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The Montreal Philatelist is announced to appear from Montreal on or about April 15th.

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The protests of the American dealers and societies against the Omaha issue have been of no avail, and it is now an assured fact that they will appear. They will no doubt be the means of starting many to collect stamps, but it seems strange that the country that had so much to say against the Canada Jubilees should now come forth with an issue far more speculative than the ones they have condemned. Strange things do happen.

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Mr. J. F. Dodge says he doesn't wish the Columbian Philatelist reviewed,—in other words he doesn't care whether it is reviewed or not. We are going to give our opinion of his paper anyway. The January number reached us on the 10th of March (a little late to be sure) but 24 pages and cover makes up this shortcoming. The recent change of printers does not seem to have been for the best. We notice

many errors in spelling—for instance "philatelist" is made "philetelist"—surely Mr. Dodge could not have read the proofs himself. As to the contents they are good. A portrait of Mr. S. B. Hopkins adorns the first page, and several good articles follow. "Our Monthly Chat" is well worth reading—in fact it always is. Taking it all around the Columbian is a fine magazine.

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Messrs. J. C. Morgenthau & Co. have completed the purchase of the stock of the late Henry Gremmel of New York. The Post Office has also been taken over, and the publication will be continued as before.

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A committee of Hamilton collectors will shortly be appointed to arrange a date for the next D. P. A. convention to be held in that city. We trust that this committee will submit their report to the members through the official organ, that all may have a voice in deciding when it shall be held.

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It has always been the rule in this society to have the offices of secretary and treasurer under the management of one officer. Would it not be a good idea to elect a man to fill each office?

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The Philatelic Advocate for March comes out with a new dress of type which greatly improves its appearance, though there is still plenty of room for improvement. We might suggest that the publishers use better paper.

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We have seen the new 2 cent Canada letter card. In design it is the same as the adhesives and is printed in green on blue card.

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We are still giving THE ONTARIO PHILATELIST and the Perforator for one year for 25 cents. Add 5 cents and get a copy of the Ontario Philatelic Directory.

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A Hamilton collector when sending in his subscription writes as follows:—"I received a sample copy of your paper, THE ONTARIO PHILATELIST, and am very much pleased with the same. I am glad to see its re-appearance and sincerely hope that the number of pages will steadily increase, and after the D. P. A. convention be the official organ. It is high time we had a few good papers in Canada, (by 'good papers' I mean containing not only good reading matter, but be printed on good paper)."

Mr. R. H. Bunce has our thanks for a copy of the second edition of his *Dealer's Address Book*. It can be obtained from the publisher at Middletown, Conn., for 10c.

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The St. Catharines post office has been out of the 3-cent envelopes for two months past, and reports from London and Toronto say that the supply at those places is exhausted.

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Papers Received.

We have received the following publications up to time of going to press:—

Stamp Reporter, Philatelic Journal of Great Britain, Junior Collector, Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News, El Monitor Filatelico, Post Office, Allegheny Philatelist, Weekly Philatelic Era, Philatelic Advocate, Herald Exchange, Stampman, Perforator, Boy's Own Philatelist, and Columbian Philatelist.

We have also received Auction Catalogues from Bogert & Durbin Co., Philadelphia, Pa., and Price Lists from Jubilee Stamp Co., Smith's Falls, Ont., and J. M. Bartles & Co., Washington, D. C.

Hamilton Notes.

The Hamilton Stamp Club moved into its large and commodious club room on the first of March. The first meeting night was devoted to arranging a series of talks on stamps, such as perforations, watermarks, dies, paper, etc. It was moved that each member was to be prepared for any one subject, and at the end of every quarter it was decided to have a review of the past. At the review meeting each member has to draw a slip with a question on it from a box which he has to answer. This is a great help to all members who want to learn something about stamps, and it is only hoped it will be a huge success to the club.

It is amusing to read some ads. in the philatelic papers of to-day. It is enough to discourage a true dealer to read an ad. such as \$2.00 worth of stamps for 10 cents or \$3.00 for 15 cents and so on, and it is disgusting to think that such should be allowed. The writer can only say that the dealer must be selling at a loss, the buyer being the gainer. I might further state that if I were to offer such extraordinary bargains as I have mentioned above and have read, I could not be honest to do it. I believe in bargains but not so big as \$2.00 for 10 cents silver and pay postage also.

One of Hamilton's collectors had the good fortune of running across a stamp vendor one day last month who had eighteen ½ cent Jubilee stamps. The collector asked him what he would take for them, and when the vendor replied 9 cents for the

lot of course the collector bought them up. It goes to show that the seller could not be in any way familiar with stamp matters or he would have never sold them at that price.

Hamilton is a great philatelic centre. There are many good collections to be found here ranging from 3000 to 5000 varieties. There are also one wholesale and three retail dealers here.

Mail orders are the order of the day, which line of business is very brisk at present. It is hoped it will continue.

Over the Border.

From Wisconsin.

Mr. R. W. French, editor of the Evergreen State Philatelist, speaks editorially on the Omaha Exposition stamps as follows;—

“To make the assertion that they are put out to replenish our government treasury or to call them speculative considering the nation that issues them is the height of absurdity, and they are no more unnecessary than has been any issue since the war.”

Admitting that they are not speculative, can they be called necessary? The majority of collectors are well aware of the fact that they are to be issued for the sole purpose of advertising the Omaha Exposition, the directors of which were instrumental in bringing this about. In the face of the facts can they be called necessary?

The Trans-Mississippi Philatelic Society is now an assured fact. The Omaha Philatelist is now publishing blank forms for

membership, etc. With such leading lights as J. F. Beard, R. W. French and R. L. Shepard as officers, we have no doubt but that it will be a success.

The Wisconsin Philatelist is announced to appear shortly under the leadership of Archie L. Gowey, of De Pere, Wis.

I am informed that Uncle Sam will issue two new document revenues at an early date, the same being necessary by the adoption of the Dingley Tariff Act.

The ignorance shown by many town and village postmasters of the U. S. government postal issues is astonishing. In a conversation with one recently I made mention of the fact that certain stamped envelopes of the 90 cent value were extremely rare. Imagine my surprise when this P. M. informed me that 90 cent values were never issued, and that the highest value was the 10 cent. After a lengthy discussion and with the aid of Scott's Catalogue I not only convinced him that he was mistaken, but gave him many interesting facts about stamps and philatelic matters generally.

From Virginia.

The seventh monthly meeting of the Virginia Philatelic Society was held at its room on Thursday, March 10th. The weather not being the most inviting outside kept many of our members at home,—only the brave weathered the storm for a few moments of stamp talk. After the regular routine of business was disposed of, Mr. John F. Mayer was elected Vice-President of the Association. Mr. Mayer is a collector

of olden times commencing about twenty-five years ago. In that time he has gotten together an assortment that anyone would wish to possess. His collection of Confederate locals is nearly complete, most of them being on the original envelopes.

For the last thirty days matters pertaining to philately have been laid aside almost entirely, giving way to a matter that interests every American just at this time. May be I should have said every United States of American. If there should be a little unpleasantness with our Friend (?) would anyone kick if a war issue of stamps were spoken of? Seems as if some of our philatelic brothers will kick at everything. If there should be such an issue I have some very pretty and appropriate designs to offer to the P. M. G's. of both countries.

The latest information as to the recent surcharged Newfoundlands is that there are many of the "home made" ones upon the market. The type used is the same but there are differences which can be easily detected. My informant did not say what that difference was, so I am giving them a wide birth. Lately I have seen several of the Type III. that were priced at such low figures that I had some doubts then as to their genuineness. Not very long ago I had the pleasure of reading quite a lengthy article on the subject of "dishonest collectors." I am sorry to say "there are black sheep in every fold," and I, a collector, have met to my loss several black sheep among the dealers.

The little green book (THE ONTARIO PHILATELIST) came to hand a few days ago. It is not the largest, neither the smallest magazine of its kind upon the market, but my brother philatelists, with a little help on our part I am sure the publisher can have in a very short time a philatelic journal in every respect second to none. So brothers get to work; I am going to do my part, and there will be "Hot Times" in the

"OLD DOMINION."

Nutmeg Gratings.

Readers probably get tired of hearing of the different issues compared in a speculative light. The Canada people think they have the laugh on their neighbors over the border who are booming Omaha issues. The latter say they will all be salable at face, which was not the case with the Jubilees. When the Columbians were on sale at the post-office, in 1893, I could always get what I wanted at face, and in any quantity, so I claim that the latter could not be compared in the same class as the Jubilee. The dollar Columbians were catalogued as high as \$6.00 and are high yet. I was lucky enough to buy an unused one for less than face value, but I doubt if there could be another procured likewise.

Publishers receive some queer letters. I received one a while ago saying: "Inclosed find 73c. for which send Perforator, and ———, and Scott's 58th. The remittance consisted of a 1c. and 2c. unused U. S. stamp, and the rest were used and unused department stamps. How the figuring was done I don't know.

Apropos of the above, a friend who is a dealer received an order for a packet, the remittance consisting of a lot of washed green 3c. stamps of an issue of years ago, which had done postal duty.

Dealers are found here in Connecticut who are holding on to their $\frac{1}{2}$ c. Jubilees. I came across a gentleman recently who asked me to get him two, if possible, and he would give me \$1.00 for them. I wrote to a Canadian correspondent who charged me 35 cents each, so my commission was not so bad. The local dealer wanted 60 cents each.

The publisher of the New York Philatelist is quite pronounced in his wrath against sample fiends. Don't blame him. The writer published a journal for a year without second-class rates, and could sympathize with him. One solicitor wanted fifteen samples at two different times, showing great assurance. I have found out since that he advertises philatelic literature for sale.

Apropos of above, I received a half dozen requests from England for "samples," each of which cost me 6 cents "postage due." The solicitor used an ordinary card in each case, and put on a penny stamp or else two half-penny stamps. This did not cover the postage. They should either have used a penny postal card with one penny stamp added or a two penny international card, or else put two pence postage on an ordinary card. Whether the "fiend" was ignorant or "cheeky" I cannot say, but not a subscription resulted, and I sent them all a copy, thus

being out 7 cents beside the paper in each case.

I have seen differences in the present issue of the Canadian stamps, both in the framework and perforations. I had not thought of it till my attention was called to it by a lady philatelist of Montreal, who sent me specimens showing the different varieties.

H. A. CHAPMAN.

New Issue Plate Numbers.

We add the following to the list of Plate Numbers of the new Canadian stamps given last month:

1 cent—No. 3, 4.

Items of Interest.

A new stamp paper to be called "The Carrier" is to appear shortly under the management of L. E. Richardson, of Putman, Conn. We wish it success.

We see by the Perforator that G. E. Montgomery, Box 142, Alliance, Neb., has successfully swindled several Cincinnati dealers. He has "done" us too. Beware of him.

The Merchant's Collecting Agency has sent us a copy of their Philatelic Blue Blue. It contains a list of persons whom they hold accounts against, and should prove of great value to all philatelic publishers and dealers.

We have just received a copy of the Omaha Philatelist for March, and see by it that the Trans-Mississippi Philatelic Society is an assured thing. We wonder if collectors in Western Canada will be eligible for membership. Who will notify us?

Collectors, Attention.

	Cat. Price.	My Price.
United States, 1855, 10c green	\$.50	\$.20
" " 1861, 10c green	.15	.07
" " 1866, 2c black	.05	.02
" " 1870 1c ultramarine	.50	.20
" " 1871, 2c red brown	.03	.01
" " 1871, 10c brown	.20	.08
" " 1887, 3c vermilion	.12	.05
" " 1890, 3, 6, 8, 15, 30c 5 varieties		.15
" " 1893, Columbian, 1 cent to 15 cent	.50	.25
" " 1893, unpaid, 5 var.		.12
U. S., Sp. Delivery, 5 var. comp.		.25
Canada Postage, 3p. on cover		.23
" 1859, 1c pink on cover		.06
" " 5c vermilion on cover		.05
" " 5c vermilion, new o.g.		.18
" 1868, 3c red, laid, on cover	5.00	2.75
" '93 15c gray lilac		.06
" " 20c vermilion		.10
Canada Bill, 3rd issue, \$1, \$2, \$3	1.50	.85
Same in pairs	3.00	1.25
Newfoundland, ten varieties		.25
" '95, 6c deep pink	.15	.07
Great Britain, '92, twelve varieties		.10

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REFERENCE—Publisher of this journal.

LOOK!—Mexican Revenues on the Brain

is the disease I am afflicted with at the present time, and I have got it so bad that I cannot rest. The malady is so contagious that a great many have already taken it from me, while in others the symptoms are developing rapidly with every prospect of the patient coming down. Now this is not typhoid fever or any fatal disorder of any kind, or I would keep out of your atmosphere.

MEXICAN REVENUES ON THE BRAIN is a singular disease, inasmuch as the patient who has it feels well and happy, while those who do not are sick and sorrowful and will be more so later on until the malady culminates into a heart aching regret.

WHAT CAUSED THE ATTACK? The possession of a large number of Mexican Revenues which I am selling at 75 per cent discount. You still have a chance to get in on the ground floor and then you will be happy by-and-by. Send at once for a selection.

ALBERT F. MUNRO,
Box 353, East Providence, R. I., U. S. A.

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CANADA.

50 5c beavers on entire envelopes reserve Soc.
 50 1c yellow Jubilee, used.
 100 3c red Jubilee, used.
 200 3c red, 1897, used.
 50 1c green, " "
 200 8c slate, '92-95, used.
 200 3c green Bill Stamps.
 100 6c green Bill Stamps.
 100 5c green registers, 1875.
 1500 2c green used, '72-93.

24 3c violet, '94-97.
 300 5c violet, "
 300 10c green, "
 170 1c Dues, "
 100 1c ultramarine, '94.
 100 2c Postage Due, '79-93.
 400 4c brown, '90.
 26 8c Sherman, '90.
 100 4c brown, '94-97.
 51 8c Sherman, "
 10 10c Special Delivery, '94-97.
 332 2c Postage Due, '94-97.
 200 2c pink, 1894.

UNITED STATES.

500 1c ultramarine, '70-82, not looked over for grills or ribbed.
 500 3c green, '70-82, not looked over for grills or ribbed.
 300 2c vermilion, '75-82.
 15 5c blue, Garfield, '88.
 100 3c red, '60-66, unassorted for pinks or grilles.
 600 5c chocolate, '90.

JAMAICA.

50 ½ penny green, '85.
 100 1 penny lilac & mauve, '89.
 10 2½ penny lilac & blue, '89.

TRINIDAD.

50 ½ penny green.
 300 1 penny red.
 50 2½ penny blue.
 Cuba---50 ½ m de peso red, used.

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" 3c, used	.05	1867, 1c violet, perf., used	1.00
		1876, 3c blue, rouletted, used	.45

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W. A. BEATTY, St. Catharines, Ont.

Our next number will be of special interest to all D. P. A. members. Watch for it. We have made a few errors in the Ticket we give on page 26. A complete and revised Ticket will appear next month. Your vote and support is wanted.

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 3 5 3 cent red, wove paper, on entires.
 4 1 10 cent violet, 1859, on entire.
 5 1 6 pence lilac, wove paper, reserve \$2.00.
 6 125 5 cent beavers, 1859.
 7 20 3 cent red, 1868-70.
 8 75 5 cent green registers, 1875.
 9 20 2 cent registers, 1875-89.
 10 100 ½ cent black, 1882.
 11 300 2 cent green, 1872-93.
 12 100 5 cent slate, 1877-93.
 13 50 6 cent brown, 1872-93.
 14 100 8 cent slate, 1893.
 15 Jubilee, 1 cent orange (10), 2 cent green (5), 5 cent blue (3), sold as 1 lot.
 16 10 ½ cent black, 1898.
 17 50 1 cent green, 1898.
 18 10 2 cent purple, 1898.
 19 100 3 cent red, 1898.
 20 4 1 cent post cards, stamps at left, cat. at \$5.00 each, reserve \$2.00.

Newfoundland.

- 21 1 cent green (7), 3 cent blue (1), 2 cent orange (7), 3 cent slate (20), 5 cent blue (1), sold as 1 lot.

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- 22 2 10 cent green, imperf., 1851, on entires.
 23 4 10 cent green perf, 1855, on entires.
 24 19 10 cent green, perf, 1861, on entire.
 25 5 2 cent black, 1862, on entire.
 26 20 3 cent red, 1851.
 27 40 3 cent red, 1855.
 28 50 3 cent blue, 1869.
 29 500 1 cent blue, 1870.
 30 1000 3 cent green, 1870.
 31 75 10 cent brown, 1870.
 32 1000 1 cent blue, 1887.
 33 1000 2 cent claret, 1882.
 34 25 3 cent vermilion, 1887.
 35 225 1 cent blue, 1870.
 36 22 4 cent carmine, 1888.

Lot No.

- 37 5 3 cent brown, Treasury Department.
 38 250 2 cent postage due, 1879.
 39 80 1 cent postage due, 1879.
 40 100 3 cent purple, 1890, reserve 30 cents.
 41 100 4 cent brown, 1890.
 42 100 5 cent, chocolate, 1890.
 43 50 6 cent brown, 1890.
 44 50 8 cent Sherman, 1890.
 45 200 10 cent green, 1890.
 46 500 1 cent blue, Columbian Issue.
 47 1000 2 cent maroon, Columbian Issue.
 48 7 3 cent green, Columbian Issue.
 49 14 4 cent blue, Columbian Issue.
 50 5 5 cent chocolate, Columbian Issue.
 51 3 6 cent purple, Columbian Issue.
 52 9 8 cent magenta, Columbian Issue.
 53 17 10 cent brown, Columbian Issue.
 54 15 10 cent Special Delivery, blue, 1885.
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 56 25 10 cent Special Delivery, blue, 1894.
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 62 25 8 cent Sherman, 1894.
 63 500 1 cent stamped envelopes of the various issues, unassorted.

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No. 3.

The Pleasures and Profits of Stamp Collecting.

Many are under the impression that the collecting of stamps is merely "child's play" but such is not the case. When such as the Czar of Russia, Duke of York, Duke of Edinburgh, and other distinguished people are collectors it means there is something in it. In a collection of stamps a person can find out the money denominations, the coat of arms, the names of the different rulers, and many other things too numerous to mention in this brief article. A professor in one of the leading schools in the United States is the informant that the best scholars are or have been stamp collectors. He was asked the reason and his reply was, that whenever a collector got any new stamps he would turn to his geography and find out where the country was situated, who the ruler was, the money denominations, the chief exports and imports of that country, the principal towns and rivers, and in fact all about the place, so you can easily see that there is profit in it as well as pleasure, besides the value of his collection which increases from year to year.

The writer has a collection which was purchased about six years ago for \$15.00. To-day it would, if placed on the market, bring \$250.00 readily. You can

talk of your Klondyke gold mines but if the people who are investing in these mines were to stay at home and purchase some good stamps, they would find in these little bits of paper money satisfactorily invested.

May I ask the readers of this article if they ever seen a stamp collector hanging around the street corners as is the custom with so many young men? If you did they are few and far between. They are at home arranging their treasures which in a few years hence will bring them in considerable revenue should they be forced to sell, and would mean a help to them in their old age. In proof of these statements let me illustrate a few instances of the increase in value of certain stamps. Those that can be bought now for 50 cents and upwards, will, in six or eight years bring \$10 or \$12, according to the class of stamps the person buys.

In a future number I may be able to tell you more about them if the editor will allow me space in his valuable paper.

Any reader who has any stamps to sell, wishes to find out their value, who are anxious to know what stamps to purchase or how to arrange their collection can readily find out by addressing the writer of this article. Let me hear from any who need help.

W. A. BEATTY.

A Visit to Hamilton.

The editor and Mr. W. A. Beatty paid a visit to Hamilton on Good Friday and were very favorably impressed with everything that took place. The day was perfect, and upon our arrival at 10.15 a. m. we were met at the station by some four or five of the Hamilton collectors who escorted us the rooms of the philatelic club, where we passed a pleasant hour talking over stamp matters. This society has about fifteen enthusiastic members, though eight or nine was all we managed to see. In a body the Fire Hall and City Hall was visited. From thence we went down to a restaurant for dinner. The only fault I had to find with this part of the programme was—, well I guess I'll let it pass this time. It's a known fact that you can't please everybody.

At 2.15 we started for the mountain that lies back of the city and after a walk of about two miles reached the summit. The grounds and buildings of the insane asylum is at this point and of course must be visited. (Mr. Matches says there is a woman here who can climb a tree as quick as a young boy, though we didn't see her.) We couldn't stop here so on we went. After another two miles had been gone over we came to a beautiful little falls (I cannot remember its name) and here we sat down to rest. In a short time all were ready to make the return trip, but our friend Marris. He is particularly fond of the fair sex and had found just what he wanted. We were sorry to leave him, but train time was drawing near and we hastened back to the club rooms. We hadn't been

there long, however, when in dropped the "lost sheep." We gave him a gentle roast, but he didn't seem to mind it—he's used to this sort of thing. It was now about 6 p.m., and as our train was due at 6.25 we had to hustle, but we got there in good time. At the last moment I decided to remain over night, so bidding Mr. Beatty good-bye I made my way back to the city. There was a "hot time" at the rooms of the Hamilton Stamp Club that night, and I wasn't at all sorry because I had stayed over. During my stay I was very pleasantly entertained at the home of Mr. R. W. Mason, the most of our time being spent in looking over his stamps, of which he has quite a stock. At 12.25 on Saturday I left for home, well satisfied with my trip.

The Hamilton collectors are a jolly set, and are making preparations for a big time at the D. P. A. convention to be held there on July 1st and 2nd, and I am sure those who attend will never regret it.

In conclusion I hope the time is not far off when I shall get up there and see the boys again.

R. G. WIDDICOMBE.

Special to D. P. A. Members.

The date for the next annual convention of the Dominion Philatelic Association is drawing near and of course the election of officers, etc., is something that interests every member. One of the most important of these is the official organ. It should be live and wide awake. The February number of the Virginia Philatelist says,—“One of the best benefits derived from a philatelic society is a good official

journal published promptly each month."

THE ONTARIO PHILATELIST is acknowledged by all (except the publishers of the other journals) to be the leading philatelic magazine in Canada. Though it does not always contain as many pages as some of the others, it is well printed on fine paper, and is PUBLISHED ON TIME.

This paper will be a candidate for the official organ of the society for the coming year, and we ask for the vote and support of all members. Ballots will be sent out by the Secretary some time before the convention, and everyone will have a fair chance to vote. The old form of voting by proxy is a thing of the past with our society. We believe, however, there are still a few who are holding out for it, but as their object for so doing is well known, it is quite unlikely that their wishes will be complied with.

See that you mark your ballot for THE ONTARIO PHILATELIST, and if elected, the D. P. A. will have an official organ to be proud of.

Accounts for Sale.

We have the following accounts for sale. Who wants to buy them?

T. S. Kinn, Chicago	\$1.50
W. A. Lydiatt, Toronto	.51

New Issue Plate Numbers.

We add the following to our previous lists:—

2 cent—No. 3.

3 cent—No. 5, 6.

Other numbers will be given as they appear.

Over the Border.

Nutmeg Gratings.

The writer has disposed of the Perforator, but will still be identified with it as a contributor. Mr. J. W. Stowell, of Federalsburg, Md., is the publisher, and Miss Blanche Noble the editor. Under their care the same features will be kept up, and I am confident the journal will be handsomer than ever.

Apropos of the above the Perforator and ONTARIO PHILATELIST together can be procured for 25 cents a year. The publisher of the O. P. will take subscriptions, or the writer either. Address Rocky Hill, Conn.

Many people wonder why the smaller post offices have new issues first. The explanation is that large offices are furnished much more bountifully in proportion, and old issues are still on hand. Hartford did not have either the 1c. green or 5c. blue on sale at this writing. In West Hartford, four miles distant, the 1c. green was on sale soon after Feb. 1st. In East Hartford, two miles away, both of the new issues could be obtained Feb. 15th.

Arthur A. Thompson, of Laconia, N. H., seems to have been pretty well advertised by this time. He talked largely, and the unsophisticated person would think he was a heavy dealer, as his place of business was given as 15, 17 and 19 Arch Street. In reality 15 and 19 are vacant lots. After some of his nefarious practices had been settled up, he became a Y. M. C. A. employee, but that didn't reform him, and

he is now a very much wanted young man.

I have received copies of new—or nearly new—publications which are eager for exchange. When the bulk of our monthly philatelic journals can be obtained for from 10 to 25 cents, and all the weeklies for either 25 or 50 cents, it seems as though a publisher must be pretty sanguine to ask 50 cents a year for a new monthly journal, and typographically very poor.

Apropos of the above, a journal out west recently (December) published an issue with quite gaudy cover, and was so elated that it asked the opinion of certain prominent reviewers as to its merits. One reviewer whose opinion was asked replied in very moderate terms that it was amateurish, and in consequence was called insulting. The writer looked through the number very hastily, and, after finding one hundred typographical errors, threw it aside in disgust. Divisions on a single letter were common, and the omission of necessary periods was frequent. The publishers took pains to say "the editor did not write this," which was unnecessary.

The recent issue of U. S. 1c. blue in its later stages seems to have many shades of color, which is true of the 2c. red stamps which daily come to hand.

The writer thinks many philatelic scribes throw mud in order to get replies and notice of some kind. It is pretty hard to keep still sometimes and swallow ill-natured flings, but silent contempt will oftentimes punish harder than a vigorous open calling down. Some scribes can-

not be decent, and when their stock-in-trade is known, it is better to let them severely alone. If you reply they will most likely have something more to say.

HENRY A. CHAPMAN.

From Virginia.

The eighth monthly meeting of the Virginia Philatelic Association was held Monday night, April 11th, at the Association rooms. The weather, far different from what it was last meeting night, was clear and cold,—just such a night that should have enticed every member from their cosy corners to come out, get a fresh breath and talk stamps. In the absence of the President and Secretary, our Exchange Manager and Counterfeit Detector filled the two positions with credit. There being no other offices to fill, your humble servant amused himself by looking over all approval sheets on hand, but was disturbed several times to cast his vote,—once in my life I held the deciding vote. The slim attendance was caused by our Amateur Opera Co. rendering "Little Tycoon" for the benefit of the S. S. S. S., "Sunday School Stamp Society."

Since speaking of the counterfeit surcharged issue of Newfoundland, the American Journal of Philately, in their April number, illustrates the original and counterfeit, with the following explanation as to the differences in them:—"In the original printing, the word 'ONE CENT' is $2\frac{1}{4}$ m.m. from the lower bar, whereas in the counterfeit the space between the two is $4\frac{1}{2}$ m.m. Also in the originals the ink is of a heavy glossy black, whereas in

the counterfeits it is of a light gray-black. Also the originals are surcharged on the slate and lilac-gray shades which were printed in Ottawa, whereas the counterfeits appear on the brownish-slate, or Montreal print." Those that I have seen were surcharged very nicely, but my suspicions were aroused by their price, and also by the cancellation bars not extending the entire width of the stamp, thus showing that they were not surcharged in the sheet. Of course there are a great many varieties of the counterfeits.

There seems to be some difference of opinion as to the cause of the difference in size of some of the present issue of Canada. Some time ago I noticed the difference in the $\frac{1}{2}$ c. and later on in the 2c. My present collection contains three different widths of the 2c., and two in the length of the stamp. All are o. g., but upon close examination I find that the grain in the paper runs from top to bottom in the narrow stamp, and across in the wide, so one can readily see that the paper shrinks with the grain.

Someone wants to subscribe to a good philatelic paper without a "kick" in it. Can any of our readers give me the address of the editor of such a paper? I sympathize with our friend and will do anything to get him one moment's happiness.

Richmond, Va., the home of the Virginia Philatelic Society, a city claiming one hundred thousand population, does not contain one stamp dealer. Our collectors are well supplied with approval sheets from dealers of other cities.

Mr. R. Hamilton, a dealer of our little town across the river, (Manchester) reports business quite good at present, mail orders especially so.

The April number of the Virginia Philatelist presents to its readers a fine likeness of Mr. Penick Shilton. Mr. Shilton has a very fine collection, also a great many duplicates, and is always ready for a "swap."

THE ONTARIO PHILATELIST (No. 2) arrived on time. Didn't you see an improvement? Look out for No. 3. See if my predictions do not come true? Give the wheel another turn and we will be nearer the top round.

OLD DOMINION.

From Wisconsin.

The Columbian stamps are evidently not extinct yet. In a small town in Wisconsin I came across a Postmaster who had complete sheets of the 8c. and 10c. values that had been laid away in a safe and forgotten. This P. M. is now anxious to dispose of them to anybody who has a desire for complete sheets, unused.

I note also that the 1c., 2c., 5c., and 10c. Columbian envelopes, and the \$5.00 stamp is still on sale at the Washington post office.

Messrs. R. F. Albrecht & Co., one of the largest stamp firms in America, have disposed of their stock to the American Collector's Company, and will hereafter conduct a commission business only.

Under date of April 9th, the Chicago Record prints the follow-

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R. G. WIDDICOMBE, Editor and Publisher,
ST. CATHARINES, ONT., CANADA.

OUR SAY.

Volume 3, number 3. Twelve pages and cover and on time as usual. See that YOUR subscription is sent in.

The first number of the Metropolitan Philatelist as a weekly came to hand a few weeks ago. It consists of 24 pages and every line is worth reading. We consider it the most interesting number of any weekly stamp paper that we have yet received, and hope that its visits will be regular.

Have you joined the D. P. A? We will be pleased to send an application blank to any who may want it. The annual convention will be held in Hamilton on July 1st and 2nd. Join now and go with the crowd.

The editor paid a visit to Buffalo a few weeks ago and dropped in on several of the dealers and

collectors. We called on Mr. Wendelin Weber and spent a few hours looking over some of his good things. One thing in particular we noticed with regard to his stamps is that they are all in very fine condition. Mr. Weber has an ad. in this issue, and it will pay everyone to look it up. His stamps are cheap, and if anything is not satisfactory you can get your money back.

Another firm whose ad. it will pay you to read is that of the Johnstown Stamp and Publishing Co. Several good things are offered on the page they use.

The new 3 cent envelopes have been placed on sale in many of the principal Canadian post-offices. It is useless to describe them fully—that was done by our Ottawa correspondent last month. We consider them very pretty.

It is stated that there will be a change in the new issue of Canada stamps. Many of the French-Canadians are kicking because no figures appear on the stamps, and not being able to read English they cannot make out the different values. Should this take place the current issue will most certainly be a good thing to keep.

Our friend Chapman has sold out the Perforator to Mr. J. W. Stowell, of Federalsburg, Md. Mr. Stowell is a printer by trade and will no doubt give us a magazine to be proud of. Mr. Chapman's paper was fine, but he says we can even expect something better now. We wish the new publisher success.

A new contest begins next month that will interest subscribers and advertisers alike. See that you get a copy of the paper.

There is a great demand for the current issue Canada used. An ad. in one of the Toronto papers recently says,—“Wanted to purchase, 100,000 of the current issue.”

We will give a year's subscription free to anyone who will send us a club of two yearly subscribers and 40 cents for same.

Do you want Volume I. of THE ONTARIO PHILATELIST? We have a few on hand which we will sell for 40 cents. Prices for single numbers on application.

Mr. F. J. Garraty, of Richmond, Quebec, has been appointed advertising and subscription agent for this paper. Any business done through him will receive prompt attention.

The ad. of Mr. W. A. Beatty occupies the same place as usual—the last page of cover.

The following communication was received from Ottawa a short time ago:—

MEMORANDUM :

Post Office Dept., Canada,
Postage Stamp Branch,
Ottawa, 4th April, 1898.

The rate of discount to be hereafter charged for the redemption of unused Canada postage stamps &c., by this Department will be five per cent.

E. P. STANTON,
Superintendent.

A Few Opinions.

ONTARIO PHILATELIST received. It's all right.—W. A. STARNAMAN.

I have received paper. It's all right and much better gotten up than the others.—S. P. HUGHES.

You can fairly claim to be the best in Canada.—H. A. CHAPMAN.

Got number two of O. P. yesterday,—best in Canada without exception. I enclose my subscription.—A. M. MUIRHEAD.

The revived ONTARIO PHILATELIST is very neat typographically and its contents are up to date, and we hope editor Widdicombe will keep it so.—American Collector.

Papers Received.

We have received the following publications up to time of going to press:—

The Perforator, Melita Philatelic Chronicle and Advertiser, New York Philatelist, Home Worker, Stamp Reporter, Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News, Allegheny Philatelist, Junior Collector, Omaha Philatelist, Philatelic Literature, Tennessee Philatelist, Lone Star State Philatelist, Post Office, Philatelic Journal of Great Britain, Rocky Mountain Stamp, Philatelic Advocate, Evergreen State Philatelist, Metropolitan Philatelist, Herald Exchange, Stampman and American Collector.

We have also received Auction Catalogues from Bogert & Durbin Co., Philadelphia, Pa., and W. F. Gregory, New York, and Price List of B. N. A. stamps from C. N. Robertson, Ottawa, Canada.

Hamilton Notes.

The Hamilton Stamp Club has its hands full at present, making arrangements for a successful convention, the dates of which have been fixed for July 1st and 2nd.

On Good Friday, Hamilton collectors had the pleasure of a visit from the O. P. editor and Mr. Beatty, the former remaining over night, but business made it necessary for the latter to return home on the evening train. We hope they had a pleasant time.

As mentioned in last month's notes a series of papers were to be written by a number of the members of the H. S. C., and to be read at various meetings. Three of these, viz:—A paper on Perforations, by R. S. Mason; Government Reminders, Reprints and Seebecks, by W. B. Grant; and the various kinds of paper, by N. Matches; have already been given. All were ably written and very instructive.

A local collector recently purchased a lot of one penny red, English, numbering about five thousand. When asked what he intended to do with them, he replied that he was going to paper his room. I don't think five thousand would go far, as it takes nearly two thousand to the square yard.

The writer recently came across an unused 12½ cent green Canada, which was watermarked. This stamp is not listed in the catalogue. Can anyone give me any information regarding it?

At a recent meeting of the Club, Dr. Kittson was elected Vice-President, and N. Matches Assistant Auction Manager.

The new 3 cent envelope appeared here on the 9th inst.

There is a good demand at present for used Jubilees and current issues. STOKES.

Capital Clippings.

OTTAWA, APRIL 18.

Stamp matters in Ottawa are rather quiet at present, but no quieter than they have been for some time past.

The Secretary-Treasurer of our Philatelic Society showed me over thirty unused 5c. black Newfoundland last week. This person is buying Newfoundland stamps freely.

Surcharged Newfoundland's have found their way here in small quantities through one or two persons having friends on the Island. None of the forgeries have been seen—only a photograph of a pair.

The new 3c. envelope has made its appearance in the city.

There is no sign or prospect of any more of the current issue. The announcement made of a new issue by the Metropolitan Philatelist is probably correct. Nothing authentic can be had here, but it seems to be taken for granted that there will be a new issue.

The Metropolitan was the first to give definite information about the Cabots. They were made by the American Bank Note Co., in New York. The dies of the new Canada issue would be made in New York, and sent here to convert into plates. The Metropolitan is published in New York. Draw your own conclusions.

I saw a fine vertical pair of first issue bill 7c. unused, with one the error, in the hands of a non-philatelist, last week.

OTTAWAN.

An Error.

An error will be found on page 22, in the first line under the heading "Our Say." What now reads Volume 3, Number 3, should be Volume 2, Number 3.

FROM WISCONSIN.

Continued from page 21.

ing item. "In the event of war, Congress will among other things put a war tax on letter rate postage increasing the rate to 3 cents per ounce, which would augment the government treasury to the extent of \$300,000,000 a year.

Apropos to the above, rumor has it that Spain has already issued 10,000,000 5 cent stamps, 2,500 of which have already been received by a Spanish resident of San Antonio, Texas. These stamps are to be disposed of to the patriotic Spanish residents of the United States.

CHAS. BAILEY.

CURRENT PUBLICATIONS.

Our Monthly Review, Conducted by Fred. J. Garraty.

PAPERS RECEIVED.

American Journal of Philately, April.
 Pennsylvania Philatelist, April.
 Columbian Philatelist, January.
 Perforator, April.
 Virginia Philatelist, April.
 Rocky Mountain Stamp, February.
 New York Philatelist, March.
 Herald Exchange, April.
 International Philatelist, March-April.
 Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News, April 7.

The Virginia Philatelist for April comes out prettier than ever. "Gilchrist" has a well

written article on "Some West Indian Fakes," and Mr. Stearns concludes his history of the "War Stamps of Germany."

The Perforator appeared promptly on time, although I see by the editorials that it has changed hands. Miss B. Noble is to be editor-in-chief, so it will be more of a ladies' paper than ever.

The Columbian Philatelist has a very sensible article on "Business References," by Mr. W. A. Carver; also a lengthy report of the C. P. S. convention, occupying several pages. A half tone and sketch of S. B. Hopkins appears on the first page.

The Rocky Mountain Stamp for February contains sixteen pages and cover. Chapter XI. of Mr. Baker's "Five Years of Philatelic History" deals entirely with the literature of the last five years. S. A. D. Cox has a good article on "The Croaker."

The first of the "Brown Cover Series" of Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News is dated April 7. Mr. John N. Luff has an article on "Collecting the Unfashionable Stamps" which is well worth reading. The usual notes together with the "Department of Advertising" and editorials make this number, in our humble opinion, almost equal to the Stanley Gibbon's one.

The Herald Exchange has no less than four contributions from Canadian stamp centres, Hamilton, St. Catharines, Halifax and Toronto being the places represented. This is the only philatelic magazine published in the United States that has a German department.

[Publishers wishing to have their magazines reviewed are kindly requested to send one copy to Mr. Fred. J. Garraty, Richmond, Quebec, Canada, and one to THE ONTARIO PHILATELIST. If you do not care to exchange two copies send one to the office of publication.]

Our Ticket.

All members of the Dominion Philatelic Association should support the following candidates at the coming election:—

President—A. M. Muirhead.
Vice-Pres.—C. S. Applegath.
Vice-Pres. (U. S.)—C. Bailey.
Sec.-Treasurer—R. G. Widdicombe.

Count. Det.—F. J. Garraty.
Ex. Supt.—Jas. H. Peckham.
Auction Mgr.—N. Matches.
Attorney—J. A. Wainwright.
Librarian—W. G. Grant.

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	G. W. Hicks,
	W. A. Beatty.

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VOTE FOR THE O. P.



Ed. A. Whalen.

The features of our good friend Mr. Whalen as here reproduced, first appeared in the H. P. M., of which he was associate editor during the stormy period of that journal's existence.

Although but 19 years of age Mr. Whalen has attained great prominence in the philatelic arena. In former days the study of law occupied his attention, but he later embarked in journalistic pursuits. Nor must we forget to mention that had he chosen he might have been a minister, having studied for that calling at St. Joseph's Seminary at Troy, New York.

He is the Halifax Philatelic Club's efficient Secretary, and presides over the solemn deliberations of that learned body. He is also a member of the Dominion Philatelic Association, and is a crank on all matters pertaining to the pursuit.

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'70, 1 cent blue, embossed, used	.50	.25
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Merely a Suggestion.

BY E. A. WHALEN.

I often think that if things continue in their present direction the philatelist will in time be a most important factor in the financial and economic condition of the nations of the earth. Already the stamp collector is recognized by chancellors of exchequers and financial ministers and his failings turned into hard cash. True this recognition is hardly an unmixed blessing, but recognition it is all the same, and of course we should pat ourselves on the back and jubilate.

Every year it seems to me the philatelist is getting more honor and recognition—and more stamps to buy. He smiles his approval on an exposition for Brussels, he recoups with commendable generosity the depleted treasury of "this Canada of ours" and raises petty principalities to affluence, all by the purchase of stamps. In far-off Australia the philatelist founds hospitals, and in the liberty infested United States he parts with his hard earned cash willingly, that the Omaha Exposition shall pay expenses. Thus we see the philatelist in his world wide patriotism and benevolence scattering with lavish hand wealth and goodwill in all climes and unto all men.

But while this is very fine and all that, my intention, primarily,

was to tender to the nations of earth a few modest suggestions. In brief, my argument is this: that the various governments, having assiduously bled the collector all his life, are in duty bound to see that in his old age he does not suffer, and to cheer his declining years with the protection of paternalism. If this suggestion is considered favorably by the governments we shall see Homes for worn-out Philatelists, and pensions for those collectors who are adjudged to have creditably discharged the duties of stamp collectorship.

The Canadian Variety.

Rochester, N. Y., April 7, '98.

Editor of the O. P.,

Dear Sir:—

Having read the notes of your Ottawa correspondent in the April number of THE ONTARIO PHILATELIST concerning the difference in size of engraving of the ½, 1, 2 and 3 cent of Canada's new issue of stamps, I desire to state for the benefit of the readers of your paper, that I have unused blocks and strips of the above four denominations in two distinct sizes of engraving. Those that are shortest are a trifle wider than the longer ones and are printed on slightly thinner paper. The ½ cent stamps differ also in gum and color of ink.

Yours, etc., W. A. C.

The Dominion Philatelic Association.

Something About it—A Letter From the President—The Convention—A Few Words of Advice.

Our Society To-Day.

Great interest is being taken at present in D. P. A. matters, principally on account of the annual convention and election of officers that is so near at hand. Everyone is working hard to win. Never was there such a stir in philatelic society circles as exists to-day. We are devoting considerable space in this issue to the cause, and request everyone interested to read it carefully.

The Coming D. P. A. Election, Discussed by President A. M. Muirhead.

I am asked by the Editor to get off something apropos to the coming D. P. A. election, and to discuss in a brief manner the desirability of some of the candidates.

For Secretary-Treasurer I don't see why any member should go by R. G. Widdicombe when marking the ballot. It seems to me very reasonable to anticipate that the affairs of the Secretary's office would be handled in an efficient manner by him, since he has on many previous occasions served the society ably and well. The only opposition to his candidature seems to emanate from sources where the Association's best interests are held secondary to political exigencies, and although the opposing candidate might go through the movements as Secretary in a satisfactory manner, I hardly think his

claims are so important that a tried and experienced officer should be passed over to secure his election.

Up to now, I find I haven't given the name of the opposing candidate for Secretary, but perhaps no harm will be done by bringing forward the name of Mr. G. W. Starnaman, of Berlin, at this juncture, and then stop.

I have been asked a good deal lately to express an opinion as to the relative excellencies of THE ONTARIO PHILATELIST and the Philatelic Advocate for Official Organ. The Advocate certainly has appeared each month and inserted the officers' reports in an exemplary manner, but (I hate to say it) it makes me sick. What's up with it is just this: it never improves. Now, as a year ago, it contains the same juvenile truck in place of reading matter. Every month some boy in some Ontario town, "hooks" from school, and writes an article for the Advocate. At least this is the only plausible explanation I can arrive at, of how its articles are prepared. This sort of thing won't do for a society organ. We want a paper we can show to our friends and not feel conscious of guilt. Such a paper as the Advocate repels those who might be applicants for membership. Several men have come to me and asked to see the official organ of the D. P. A., and when I handed them the Advocate they seemed restrained and dis-

tant and went out and spent their 35 cents on rum. The Advocate drove them to drink. On the other hand THE ONTARIO'S printer seems to have some slight knowledge of typography, and its pages do not seem to contain much that would prove deleterious, if read. Considering these things, I wouldn't advise anyone to vote against THE ONTARIO PHILATELIST.

For Exchange Superintendent I am supporting Mr. Fred B. Reynolds, this year. This gentleman's address is Halifax, N. S., and as I live near there myself, I sometimes see him. He is without doubt just the person for the position, and it would tickle me immensely to see him elected. I can't think what good it would do to vote against him.

A word in conclusion. In this election it wouldn't be a bad idea to dispart ourselves in such a manner as not to feel sorry for it afterwards. Politics is good in so far as it creates interest, and evil in so far as it awakens animosities that live after election day. A. M. MUIRHEAD.

The Convention.

The coming convention will be held in Hamilton, Ontario, on July 1st and 2nd, and from present indications we will have a big crowd and a big time. Those who possibly can, should attend. The members of the Hamilton Stamp Club are arranging a good programme that will include both days. On the evening of the 1st an auction sale will be held, commencing about 8 p. m. Catalogues of sale can be had by addressing the present Auction Manager, R. G. Widdicombe, St. Catharines, Ont. We

haven't time to go into the details, but if you want to have a good time we can only say to you—COME.

Our Ticket.

In accordance with our statement made in our May number we now present our full ticket, and urge every member to consider them favorably, and when the ballot is received make your mark opposite each one. You will not regret it. Great care has been taken in compiling this list, and we have tried to secure those who take an active interest in society matters, as candidates. Think these over carefully:—

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Don't vote for anyone because somebody else tells you to. Vote for those who who will do justice to the society.

Our Candidates.

FOR PRESIDENT.—We are supporting Mr. A. M. Muirhead. He has served the society well during the time that he has held that office, and we hope to see him elected again.

FOR OFFICIAL ORGAN.—Why go by this paper? Look it over. Compare the quality of the paper used, and the press-work—two strong points—with that of the Advocate. Think this matter over carefully and

we believe you will come to the conclusion that the O. P. is the best of the two, and worthy of your vote and support.

Space will not permit us to mention all the candidates, but our ticket is given for your consideration.

As to Voting.

Ballots will shortly be sent out. When you get yours don't be in a hurry to vote. Take time to think the matter over, only see that it reaches the Credential Committee by June 1st.

CURRENT PUBLICATIONS.

A Monthly Review, Conducted by Fred. J. Garraty.

PAPERS RECEIVED.

American Journal of Philately, May.
Columbian Philatelist, February.
Columbian Philatelist, March.
Stampman, May.
International Philatelist, May.
Herald Exchange, May.
Stamp Reporter, April.
Rocky Mountain Stamp, March.
Philatelic Advocate, May.
Boston Stamp Book, April.
Pennsylvania Philatelist, May.
Evergreen State Philatelist, May.
Filatelic Facts and Fallacies, April.
New York Philatelist, April.

Filatelic Facts and Fallacies this month is only a little better than a price list. There is an article on "Collecting the Un-fashionable," a note on a "New Western Frank," and a report of the Pacific Philatelic Society, which make up the reading matter of this number.

The Boston Stamp Book arrived as usual on time. How often have we been puzzled to know what "H. I. and U. S" or "C. R." or some such abbreviation on our "wee bits" mean. Mr. George Maximilian in his article "Abbreviations on Post-age Stamps" gives the desired

information. This article and the Standard Catalogue should be found side by side in every careful philatelist's library. The usual departments and the reports of the American Stamp Exchange and the Boston Philatelic Society mak this a rather nice number.

The Stampman's "Original Gum" is still very original. Editor O. has given Mr. I. A. Mekeel a write up. A few rules of the "House of Osgood" and advertisements mak up the contents of this little lemon colored visitor.

"Are Auction Sales Beneficial to Philately or Not?" is the subject for debate in the International Philatelist. Mr. B. A. Cottlow supports the affirmative, while Messrs. H. N. Bullard, C. L. Annan, W. L. Lippincott and Foster A. Lilly support the negative. Mr. H. A. Chapman thinks that the best way to obtain stamps is through some reliable dealer or the Exchange Department of a good Philatelic Association. I think myself that Auction Sales are injurious to philately, and like Mr. Chapman, think that the approval sheets of some of our leading dealers is the best way to procure stamps.

One of the few magazines that come on time is the New York Philatelist, The number before us contains 12 pages and cover, of which over a third is filled with advertisements. On the first page there is a good cut of Mr. John F. Seybold, and quite a list of the rareties in his collection are given. Several other articles are contained in this number which are worthy of perusal.

Death of Joe. F. Beard.

It will be sad news to most of our readers to learn of the death of Mr. Joe. F. Beard, the secretary of the American Philatelic Association, and one of the best known dealers in the country. It was only a few months ago that his friends were agreeably surprised at his marriage and now at the early age of 46, they are called upon to mourn his loss. He died of appendicitis at his home in Muscatine, on Friday, May 6th.—Metropolitan Philatelist.

Our New Contest.

We announced in our last number that we would begin a new contest this month. Through lack of time we are compelled to lay the matter over till July. Advertisers and subscribers alike will be benefitted by it.

Nicer than ever—the Perforator for May.

We are still giving a year's subscription to this paper and the Virginia Philatelist for 25 cents.

If you want to get a good stamp at a small price and one that will command a much higher figure, procure the Russia 1882 70k., priced at 35 cents.—Columbian Philatelist.

Anyone looking for snaps should have no need to go farther than the advertising pages of this paper. Bargains of every kind are offered. Kindly mention the O. P. when answering the advertisements.



A. M. Muirhead.

Mr. Alexander M. Muirhead, of Halifax, N. S., the subject of our sketch, was born in 1876 and is thus 22 years of age. He has made several attempts at publishing, the first being the Canadian Philatelic Magazine in 1893. After five numbers were issued he sold out to Toronto parties. In January 1897, in company with Mr. W. F. VanMalder, he launched the Halifax Philatelic Magazine, which after struggling along for several months was forced to give up.

Mr. Muirhead has always taken an active interest in society affairs. In 1894 he started the D. P. A. He has held several offices in this Association, having been President at two different times, and the chances are in favor of his being elected to that position again this year.

He is manager of the firm of J. H. Peckham & Co., of Halifax, and is the owner of a philatelic library that weighs about a ton.

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OUR SAY.

Every member of "Canada's Only Society"—the Dominion Philatelic Association—is deeply interested as to what the result of the next election will be. Great progress had been made during the past year, and we can ill afford to drop back into the hole that some time previous it was our misfortune to get into.

Speaking of our late success, the first thing that is noticeable is the big increase in the membership. Nearly every month from five to fifteen applications were received, which is more than some of our American societies can boast of. The various departments, with the exception of the Exchange, have been well cared for, and from a financial point of view, a success. The reason why the Exchange Department has not been working is that Mr. Peckham has been

unable to attend to it on account of sickness. As Auction Manager I can say that a great deal of interest has been manifested in the sales which have been held, though through some misunderstanding the department did not get into working order until some time after the convention. However, on the few auctions that have taken place the bidding has been very spirited, which shows that the D. P. A. is very much alive.

The convention will be held in Hamilton, on July 1st and 2nd, and everything points to a successful time. Everyone who can should attend.

We are devoting considerable space in this number to D. P. A. matters, which we have tried to make as interesting as is possible in such a case. All members should read such matter through carefully.

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The Ontario correspondent of the Philatelic Bulletin says there will be six candidates for Official Organ of the D. P. A., and that two out of the six will have a "tight race." We should like this party to give us a few names, for we are anxious to know how he sizes up the O. P.

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Canada is to have another stamp journal. Not from St. Catharines, however,—two is enough for us,—but from that portion of Canada that has heretofore been somewhat neglected, viz., Manitoba. Mr. C. T. Kirkby, of Winnipeg, will be the publisher, and in a recent letter from him he says: "Thinking that Western Canada is not being boomed much in the way of advancement toward stamp col-

lecting, it is therefore my intention, early in June, to publish the first number of the Western Philatelist, a paper that will cover this vast portion of Western Canada." We wish Mr. K. success in his new field of labor.

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Speaking of new stamp papers it reminds us that we received the first number of the Montreal Philatelist a short time ago. It is printed in German and English and presents a very creditable appearance, though we should like a little more good quality reading matter.

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Notwithstanding all that Mekeel's Stamp News has said against it, the Weekly Metropolitan still continues to make its regular visits to our sanctum. By the way the former paper don't seem to improve much lately—in fact we think it is rather on the down grade.

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We see by the various magazines that the Newspaper and Periodical Stamp case is over, and that a decision has been given in favor of the Walter Scott Co. We were greatly pleased to hear of the result. Stamp collectors are at last beginning to be recognized as a power.

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The Michigan Stamp and Publishing Co., of Ithaca, Michigan, announce the Michigan Philatelist to appear on or about the first of June.

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Although we have a review department conducted by Mr. Garraty, there are a few papers that we feel as if we should men-

tion here. One of these is the Virginia Philatelist. The May number is, we believe, the finest yet. It contains 16 pages and a beautiful cover printed in two colors. It is not only its appearance, but the matter it contains, that attracts our attention.

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Don't you think you should vote for THE ONTARIO PHILATELIST for next official organ of the D. P. A? We are giving to the collecting public the best paper that is at present being published in Canada, and we want the support of all the members. We want to even make it better. Think it over!

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Are you running an advertisement in this paper? If not, try it. It has paid others; why not you?

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It is now an assured fact that there will be a change in the present issue of Canadian postage stamps. We wrote to the Post Office Department at Ottawa a short time ago to get definite information, and the following reply was received:—

Post Office Dept., Canada.
Postage Stamp Branch.
Ottawa, 9th May, 1898.

SIR:—

In reply to yours of the 6th instant making inquiry in the matter, I am directed to say that the change in the postage stamps to which you refer consists of certain modifications of the present design. In Hansard of the 4th instant a statement from the Postmaster General appears from which I quote the following excerpt dealing with the matter of your inquiry, and

which indicates the principal change in the design:—"the two lower corners will in all future issues contain the denominations themselves in good plain figures."

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant,
E. P. STANTON, Supt.

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When the above becomes generally known there will no doubt be a big rush to secure the current stamps. We would advise all our readers to get a set, as they have been in use but a short time and are bound to become scarce, especially the higher values. Nothing above the 10 cent has yet been issued.

Over the Border.

Nutmeg Gratings.

The events of the past four months have made quite a change in my plans. In January I resigned a position in the office where I had been for thirty-six years. Later I disposed of the Perforator after bringing it, as I thought, up to a point where it was a power. Closely following this a family affliction resulted in my moving my residence to another town. I have many friends in Canada whom I hope to retain as correspondents, and would inform them that hereafter my address will be Box 72, Rocky Hill, Conn.

In Hartford, when the announcement of war was known, it seemed to have some effect on stamp matters. In one society, where a number of military characters are members of a prominent stamps exchange, I notice

that they transferred circuits without taking a single stamp, owing to uncertainty. These members had previously bought liberally. One in particular was noticeable, who is a wealthy man, and lets nothing slip which is missing from his collection.

The writer makes no special attempt to collect plate numbers, but holds on to them if they come his way. It makes me squirm to stand at a stamp window and see the ruthless clerk slash right through the middle of them.

It is pleasing to note that stamp "cranks" have other "fads" in connection with philately. One of my correspondents has a liking for botany, heirlooms, geology, stuffed birds, etc., and would like to be a taxidermist, but hasn't the heart to kill the birds, personally.

In my travels to surrounding towns I come across people who hold on to stamps, although they have no album, and no immediate intention of arranging a collection. One day, at the terminus of a trolley line I stepped into a small store to wait for the car. I happened to "mention stamps" to the jolly proprietor. He fished out a cigar box from under the counter. In it were stamps he had saved. One was on the original cover, catalogue value \$17.50; another cut from the cover worth nearly as much, and there were rarities in it worth two hundred dollars. This man, however, was not in need, and couldn't be induced to sell at all.

In line with the above item, not far away lives a lady who I never knew to pay 25 cents for a

the cover she can, also all stamps no matter how common, and she holds on to everything rare that is saleable to the most exasperating limit. She very seldom over-reaches herself, and gathers in the shekles at her leisure. She is never stingy of her time in conversation about philately, however, and is a very entertaining talker on the hobby.

After disposing of my own journal, I was in receipt of many letters asking for contributions. I could not accede to half the requests, however. I had already agreed to write for the publisher of THE ONTARIO PHILATELIST. I wish to say here to its readers (and I hope Mr. W. will keep off his blue pencil) that a bright paper is being turned out. Mr. Widdicombe was my first correspondent from the Dominion, and for nine months served me faithfully. If I can help him in return, and at the same time interest many of my friends in Canada, I shall have attained my desire.

HENRY A. CHAPMAN.

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From Virginia.

"War between the United States and Spain has created a great demand for the stamps of Spain and Spanish Colonies." So says Messrs. S. G. & Co. From appearances in this section of the "Old Dominion" the war has caused a general decline of interest in all matters except news from the seats of war. Our city is well sprinkled with the "boys in blue." They will only spend a few days with us, and then they will leave for the far south—miles away to Tampa.

Did I see Vol. 2., No. 3. of THE ONTARIO PHILATELIST?

Did you hear how Dewey perforated the Manilla squadron? I saw and heard. Both were finished out and out in just such style that suited me, too. Now if friend Widdicombe will do the same with the next number of the O. P., and brother Sampson can find the Spanish fleet and do it up in "Dewey style," my cup of joy will be full.

The regular monthly meeting of the Virginia Philatelic Association was held on the 10th inst. The writer was unable to attend, being confined to his room nursing a bad cold. All colds are bad, but summer colds are worse than others.

There will be new issues in the near future—U. S. Colonies—so I amused myself spacing new leaves in my album for surcharged U. S. for Cuba, Porto Rica, and several other islands, belonging to Spain at the present writing, that "Uncle Sam" will have to supply with postal revenues in the near future. (?)

Nothing like counting chickens before they are hatched. But the Canaries have been setting for some time, and with the Manilla bedding we are now using the birdies will soon be out flapping their little wings in the Dewey morn.

The new five cent (U. S.) blue has not been put on sale here, but will be during the present month.

All business transactions at our Post-Office is done now in the dark. The new Postmaster's name is Knight.

So much for a bad cold. Readers, I'll try not to repeat it. Maybe when you hear from me

next I will be away down in Cuba. If I should be, my first thought will be (when we capture Havana) the post-office, and I will fill my pockets full of stamps and will remember my friends in Canada with a set of Cuba, 1898. Compliments of the

"OLD DOMINION."

From Wisconsin.

On looking through the priced catalogue of a well known New York dealer, I note the said firm are in the market to buy for cash all the pence issues of British North America at one-eighth of catalogue, fine specimens of which usually bring full catalogue at this firm's own auction sales. I will venture to say that very few of this class can be bought at prices they quote.

While in quest of stamps in a small town in Wisconsin, I came across a party that had a large accumulation of 2 cent Columbians. I made an offer for the lot, but upon hearing my price this person explained to me that a certain firm in New York would readily give face value for them used. I inquired as to the name and address of this liberal firm but unfortunately it had been mislaid or forgotten. It is quite evident this party has been led to believe that this stamp is a comparatively scarce one.

Among the old-time dealers that very little is heard of now, but are still handling the "wee bits," is Mr. Doherty of the Chicago Stamp and Coin Co. If my memory serves me right, this gentleman was the author of probably the only philatelic serial story ever published. Back in 1887 there appeared in a boy's

weekly, *The Young Men of America*, a story with a plot, in which a rare collection of stamps containing a certain 5 cent St. Louis provisional was the villain's object of pursuit.

Replying to "Stokes" in his *Hamilton* notes in the O. P. for May as to the 12½ cent green watermarked, I would say that in all probability he will find the necessary information in the 1898 edition of Ketcheson's *Canada Postage and Revenue Catalogue*.

Speaking of this stamp reminds me of a copy in the collection of a Wisconsin collector which is a distinct yellow, a shade not unlike the 1869 1 cent. Can any of the readers of this paper give me any information regarding this particular shade.

BADGER.

Hamilton Notes.

The new 2 cent letter card made its appearance here a short time ago. The color is green.

The signature of E. A. Marris is again absent from this column. He has successfully undergone a critical operation at the City Hospital, but is now rapidly recovering, and will be with the O. P. next month.

Several energetic young men here are thinking of making an addition to the number of Canadian philatelic papers, which they intend to make first-class in every respect.

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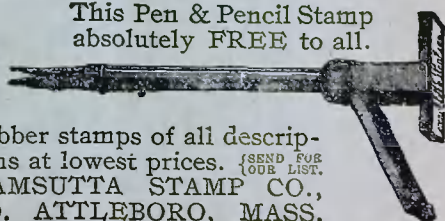
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25	25 3 cent red, 1861-62.
26	10 2 cent black, 1861-62.
27	5 10 cent green, 1861.
28	100 2 cent vermilion, 1875-82.
29	100 Same.
30	100 1 cent due, 1879-93.
31	200 2 cent due, 1879-93.
32	10 5 cent due, 1879-93.
33	100 4 cent brown, 1894-97.
34	20 3 cent red, 1855.
35	15 10 cent brown, 1870-82.
36	15 Same.
37	5 3 cent vermilion, 1887.
38	50 1 cent due, 1893-97.
39	25 2 cent due, 1893-97.
40	50 4 cent brown, 1890.
41	20 6 cent violet, 1890.
42	25 8 cent Sherman, 1890.
43	200 10 cent green, 1890.
44	100 1 cent Columbian, 1893.
45	200 2 cent Columbian, 1893.
46	100 4 cent brown, 1894-97.
47	100 5 cent chocolate, 1894-97.
48	100 1 cent ultramarine, 1893.
49	100 2 cent pink, 1893.
50	100 3 cent green, 1870-82.

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5 cent Canada, 1875, unused	1.00	12 cent black, new, no gum, U. S., 1867, grilled	2.00
1 cent Canada, 1868, brown red, used	.10	10 cent orange, used, U. S. 1869, grilled	.40
1 cent Canada, 1870, yellow, used	.12	1 cent blue, used, U. S. 1870, grilled	.20
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Historical and Postal Matters of the Ionian Islands.

BY F. P.

A group of small islands, viz: Corfu, Ithaka, Sevkada, Kephallonia, Kerigo, and Zante bear combined the name "Ionian Islands," which are situated in the Mediterranean Sea, in Europe. Long before Christ, old time history mentioned already the island of Ithaka (Sieke da Timotheus, die Ibiche des Cranikus) and also Kephallonia, and both islands play a great part in old time Greek mythology as a part of what is now called the Kingdom of Greece at that time ruled by the heroic Spartana, and also during the old time Greek-Persian wars, as the Persian Kings Xerxes and Ataxerxes with their armies crossed the Hellespont river and at least conquered old Greece (by the Thermophyle Mountain treachery).

In later years the Ionian Islands for centuries belonged to the powerful and much feared Republic of Venice (Doge von Venedig). In 1797 the Ionian Islands by the Treaty of Campo Formio became the property of France. As in 1814, Napoleon I. Emperor of France was finally defeated, and sent in exile to St. Helena, the united powers of Prussia, Russia, and England at the Peace of Paris, concluded

all the above mentioned islands should combine, and declared them a Republic under "British protection" November 15, 1815.

The Republic of the Ionian Islands existed up to November 14, 1863. Meantime the leading European powers had created what is now known as the Kingdom of Greece, and in 1864 the Republic of the Ionian Islands became royal Greek territory, in accordance with the Peace of London. On May 1, 1864, post-offices were opened by the Republic of the Ionian Islands at various places, and the fee for mail matter had to be paid in cash. (English money circulated in the Ionian Republic). On July 27, 1857, the tariff for postal fees was changed, and the Parliament of the Islands concluded to issue postage stamps. But money was scarce and the Republic was poor, and so it took two years before the stamps were ready, and on May 15, 1859, a set of three denominations appeared. The values were 1 obolos (equal to $\frac{1}{4}$ c.) red yellow, 2 oboloi ($\frac{1}{2}$ c.) dark blue, and 4 oboloi (1c.) wine red.

The value 2 oboloi has the watermark "2" in small points, and the value 4 oboloi has the watermark "4" in small points, but the value 1 obolos is without watermark. What is the reason for this? Philatelic authorities in Europe vary about it, but the

probable explanation is at follows :—The printing office in London, England, that manufactured the stamps of the Ionian Republic, certainly had the intention to watermark all three denominations, but during the printing the Republican postal authorities must have given the order not to watermark the 1 obolos value. The stamps bear in the centre the portrait of Queen Victoria of England as Protectress of the Ionian Islands. Surrounding is the Greek inscription, IONIKON KRATOS (Ionian Post). The quantities printed of these postage stamps are: 180,000 of the 1 obolos value, 75,000 of the 2 oboloi value, and 45,000 of the 4 oboloi value.

During the year 1859 the post-offices of the Republic of the Ionian Islands handled 112,000 pieces of mail matter, and in 1860 more than 134,000 pieces.

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Hamilton Notes.

The Star Stamp Company of this city has been of late, inactive, and it is announced that the firm will shortly go into liquidation. The above firm was organized in 1890 and has done a steady business ever since. I regret very much that this Company has discontinued, as I was President in its early days, but resigned soon after and started dealing in the "wee bits" for myself.

There is now a great demand for the Canada Jubilee used, and the 6 cent unused, which cannot be had around the city at any price, it being very scarce. The new issue 1, 2, and 3 cent

used are also in good demand. If one observes these stamps they will notice different shades and sizes of engraving, and some stamps will be found larger than others. If this issue changes, the above mentioned will become scarce and of good value to one who collects varieties.

It is rumored that a paper in the interest of philately will appear from this city in the near future. Many attempts have been made, but so far all have proved unsuccessful.

"Success!"

The talk for the last few weeks among the collectors here has been "D. P. A. Convention" and nothing else. Everything is in readiness and a hot time is looked for. Details of the convention appear in this issue.

There are five of Hamilton's active collectors running for office in the D. P. A. Any or all of them would make good officers for the ensuing year, if elected.

Received.

We have received No. 2 of the Postal Card Reporter, published occasionally by A. Lohmeyer, 922 N. Gilmor St., Baltimore, Md. A request will bring you a copy.

Mr. E. A. Marris, Hamilton, Ontario, has sent us a copy of his price list. It's free for the asking.

Information has just been received that the color of the \$1 Omaha has been changed to black.—Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News.

What about your subscription?

The Dominion Philatelic Association.

THIRD ANNUAL CONVENTION.

The third annual convention of the Dominion Philatelic Association was held in Hamilton on July 1st and 2nd. The following members were present:—

L. S. Graham, W. A. Beatty, G. Bradley, R. G. Widdicombe, W. A. Lydiatt, W. McMahon, G. E. Davenport, C. Morden, J. H. Lowe, C. Bailey, W. H. Thurston, R. S. Knox, F. I. Weaver, G. W. Starnaman, W. A. Starnaman, F. M. Robinson, N. Matches, W. B. Grant, H. Terryberry, R. S. Mason, J. H. Slater, A. H. Ward, C. S. Applegath, Dr. E. G. Kittson and E. A. Marris.

First Day.

MORNING SESSION.

The convention was called to order at 11 a. m. In the absence of both the President and Vice-President, it was moved by W. A. Lydiatt, seconded by E. A. Marris, that Charles Bailey take the chair. Carried.

Mr. Bailey made a short speech thanking the members present for the honor conferred upon him and said he hoped he would fill the position satisfactorily. (He did, too).

On behalf of the Hamilton Stamp Club, Mr. F. N. Robinson gave an address of welcome to the visiting members. The chairman replied to this.

In the absence of the Secretary at this session, N. Matches was appointed Secretary pro tem.

The President sent an address

to be read at the convention. It was somewhat lengthy and went carefully into the matter of Philatelic Societies in Canada, especially of the D. P. A.

It was moved by F. M. Robinson, seconded by E. A. Marris, that a vote of thanks be sent to the President for the kind words conveyed in his address.

A resolution was read to reinstate I. E. Patterson of Detroit, formerly of Guelph, Ontario. There was much discussion regarding this matter.

It was moved by R. G. Widdicombe, seconded by L. S. Graham, that Mr. Patterson be reinstated provided he pay up all back dues. Carried.

Moved by L. S. Graham, seconded by C. Bailey, that the convention adjourn until 2 p. m. Carried.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The members met at the rooms at 2 p. m. and proceeded to the photograph gallery where a picture was taken, after which all journeyed back to the convention hall.

Meeting called to order by Chairman Bailey.

Moved by N. Matches, seconded by W. B. Grant, that a button that R. S. Mason had prepared be made the regular emblem of the Society. A vote was taken and the motion was lost.

Moved by Dr. Kittson, seconded by A. H. Ward, that a

committee consisting of Messrs. Marris, Grant and Applegath be appointed to receive designs for an official emblem of the Society. Carried.

W. A. Starnaman was then called upon to read the revised constitution. After various additions and amendments it was moved by A. H. Ward, seconded by E. A. Marris, that the constitution be adopted. Carried.

Moved by C. Bailey, seconded by L. S. Graham, that a vote of thanks be tendered the constitution committee for the efficient manner in which they performed their work. Carried.

Moved by W. A. Lydiatt, seconded by W. B. Grant, that a person must be a member of the Society at least six months before being nominated for any office of the Society. Carried.

Moved by E. A. Marris, seconded by C. S. Applegath, that the Secretary publish a financial statement of the Society each month. Carried.

The matter of John R. Hooper was brought up. It was moved by W. A. Starnaman, seconded by W. A. Lydiatt, that all the members be requested to sign a petition to endeavor to secure his release. Carried.

The Credential Committee now adjourned to count the ballots. The result was announced as follows:—

VICE-PRESIDENT;—	
C. S. Applegath,	60
A. H. Adams,	18
SECRETARY-TREASURER;—	
G. W. Starnaman,	51
R. G. Widdicombe,	24
EXCHANGE SUPERINTENDENT;—	
F. B. Reynolds,	24
E. L. Shove,	53
LIBRARIAN;—	
F. I. Weaver,	55
W. B. Grant,	20
TRUSTEES;—	
R. S. Mason,	56
G. W. Hicks,	55
E. A. Marris,	50

J. H. Slater,	44
W. A. Beatty,	23
OFFICIAL ORGAN;—	
Philatelic Advocate,	55
Ontario Philatelist,	17
Stamp Reporter	3
CONVENTION SEAT, 1899;—	
Toronto,	65
Halifax,	11

The date of convention will be decided later.

The following were elected by acclamation;—

PRESIDENT—A. M. Muirhead.
VICE-PRESIDENT. (U. S.)—C. Bailey.
AUCTION MANAGER—N. Matches.
ATTORNEY—J. A. Wainwright.
COUNTERFEIT DET.—F. J. Garraty.

Convention adjourned at 6 p. m.

EVENING SESSION.

Meeting called to order at 8 p. m.

The evening was taken up with the Auction Sale, during which refreshments were served. Prices realized were good in most cases, though some lots went at low figures.

Convention adjourned at 10.15 p. m.

Second Day.

MORNING SESSION.

Convention called to order at 9.30 a. m.

After a short time spent in looking over stamps business was proceeded with.

It was decided that the office of Advertising and Subscription Agent was needed by the Society. The chairman called for nominations and the following were received:—W. A. Lydiatt and R. G. Widdicombe. A ballot vote was taken which resulted as follows:—

W. A. Lydiatt,	4
R. G. Widdicombe	9

The matter of S. P. Hughes' charges against W. R. Adams, which has been in the hands of the Trustees for some time was brought before the convention,

and was the cause of much discussion.

It was moved by L. S. Graham, seconded by C. Bailey, that the matter be thrown out as one that does not interest the Society. Others thought different and the motion was lost.

The Secretary said Mr. Adams' dues were not paid up.

Moved by C. Bailey, seconded by R. G. Widdicombe, that as Mr. Adams' dues are unpaid nothing could be done in the matter and that it be dropped. Carried.

Moved by W. A. Lydiatt, seconded by W. A. Starnaman, that all the members that are not paid up be notified by the Secretary, and if their dues are not paid inside of a month they be suspended, and that the present paid up members be re-numbered. Carried.

Moved by C. Bailey, seconded by R. G. Widdicombe, that a grant of \$5.00 from the Society be given to the Hamilton Stamp Club toward the expenses of entertaining the visitors.

It was moved in amendment to the above that the matter be laid over till the afternoon session. Carried.

A few of the members expressed dissatisfaction with some of the President's recent actions, and it was moved by Dr. Kittson, seconded by W. A. Lydiatt, that the polls be opened for the election of a new President. The chairman endeavored to take a vote on this question but found it impossible. Some did vote, but others thought that it was an unfair proceeding and wouldn't vote.

Moved by W. A. Lydiatt, seconded by W. H. Thurston,

that this matter be laid over till the afternoon session. Carried.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Convention called to order by the chairman at 2 p. m.

The matter of electing a new President was brought up, but was quickly settled.

Moved by L. S. Graham, seconded by W. A. Starnaman, that A. M. Muirhead be retained as President. Carried.

The reports of the officers was next called for.

The Secretary reported a good year for the Society. He reported during the year 91 new members, 2 deaths and two resignations. A balance of over \$10.00 is in the treasury.

Moved by C. Bailey, seconded by E. A. Marris, that a vote of thanks be tendered the Secretary for his services. Carried.

The Auction Manager's report showed that three sales had been held and a balance of 92 cents was on hand, which amount was handed to the Secretary.

The Counterfeit Detector stated that only seven stamps had been sent him for examination.

A vote of thanks was passed to all the officers.

The matter of voting money to the Hamilton Stamp Club was brought forward again.

Moved by W. A. Starnaman, seconded by R. G. Widdicombe, that \$3.00 be given by the Society toward the expenses of the Club. Carried.

On behalf of the Hamilton Stamp Club, Mr. W. B. Grant thanked the members of the D. P. A. for their aid.

A paper on "Advertising" was read by Mr. G. W. Starnaman, and contained many good points for advertisers.

The convention adjourned at 3.30 p. m. to allow the members to take in the sights of the city. Excursions to the Hamilton beach and to the mountain were much enjoyed.

EVENING SESSION.

Meeting called to order at 8 p. m.

The evening was spent in social intercourse with piano, organ, and violin selections by several of the members.

Convention adjourned at 10 p. m.

PHOTOGRAPHS.

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OUR SAY.

This number is a few days late. We purposely delayed it in order to get a full report of the convention of the Dominion Philatelic Association that has just ended, and which will be found on another page.

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We have received the long-looked-for "Canadian Philatelic Annual," which is published jointly with the May number of the Boy's Own Philatelist. Altogether it makes a paper worth reading.

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THE ONTARIO PHILATELIST is fast gaining favor among collectors and dealers as the best paper of its kind in Canada. One firm writes the following: "Should very much like to see your paper. Have heard a great deal of it, but have not seen it as yet." Everyone wants to see

it. On another page will be found a few things that have been said about us. Of course there are a few people who never can say anything decent, and who try to run us down—but such we will let alone at present. Needless to say, they don't succeed.

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The following item appeared in our editorials last month:—

The Ontario correspondent of the Philatelic Bulletin says there will be six candidates for Official Organ of the D. P. A., and that two out of the six will have a "tight race." We should like this party to give us a few names, for we are anxious to know how he sizes up the O. P.

In reply to the above we have received the following from Mr. G. W. Hicks, who is the correspondent referred to: "In your paper you say you would like to know how I 'size up' the O. P. Space forbids me giving a lengthy public opinion of your paper in the Philatelic Bulletin as it would take nearly a column to say all I would like about it, and I can tell you I would only have good to say about it. Suffice it to say here that your paper is a dandy." This is what one man thinks about it, and we think it is worthy of your support.

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Several persons have written us asking for our "lowest adv. rates." To one and all we would say that they can be found at the top of this page. We will announce in plenty of time when a "cut" is to be made. We think it only right to treat all alike.

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The war that is at present going on between the United States and Spain seems to have the

effect of turning the thoughts of some collectors from their stamps. While as yet, Canadian dealers have not been visibly affected by it, should it continue they will no doubt soon begin to notice a falling off of their trade, as considerable of it comes from "over the border."

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Canadian stamps are "just the thing" at present. As announced in our last number, another "new" issue is surely coming, and before this number reaches its readers some values may have made their appearance. The demand for used Jubilee and current issue stamps is very great—in fact the demand is greater than the present supply. Whether this will continue or not is only a matter of conjecture.

reside in the future. We believe that he will continue to deal in stamps as before.

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Prices for back numbers of this magazine will be found among the advertisements. Very few are kept back, so those wanting them had better send at once.

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It is rumored that a new philatelic paper will shortly appear from Hamilton. As yet, no attempt at publishing in this city has been successful, but hope that this one will be an exception to the rule.

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We are pleased to have with us again our Hamilton correspondent, Mr. E. A. Marris.

Have YOU Tried an Adv. in the O. P?

If not, try it next month. It has paid others; why not YOU?

CONTRACT BLANKS SENT ON APPLICATION.

Notwithstanding all that has been said against our Jubilees they started our "new issues," and new issues seem to make things interesting, and also start new collectors, and that means more business for the dealers. Of course the thing can be overdone but we trust Canada will not be the one to do this. There is certainly a good reason for changing the present stamps, so surely no one will grumble.

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Mr. R. A. Oswald of this city, formerly business manager of the Stamp Reporter, is in Chicago at present, on his way to Sacramento, California, where he will

He has been laid up in the hospital for some time past, but has sufficiently recovered to be able to resume his duties.

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What about your subscription? Have you sent it in?

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Wilson's Patriotic Private Post Cards.

We are in receipt of advance proofs of three very unique Patriotic Private Cards in colors, issued by the well known firm of J. C. Wilson & Co., Paper Makers, Montreal. We anticipate they will be very popular with the trade. The first card

represents Brittania with "trident" and Columbia with olive branch, sitting with the lion and eagle at their respective feet. The Union Jack and Stars and Stripes crossed the poles of which are joined by a gordian knot, and below the flags two hands clasped, representing "Union is strength." A Globe, the World, between the flags with the mottoes, "One aim, one goal, Anglo-Saxon, Gloria Mundi." The second card represents the mailed figure of Brittania with "trident" sitting with the crouched lion at her feet. In the distance a battleship, England's first line of defence, and the old motto "Brittania, Britannia, rules the waves, Britons, never, never, shall be slaves." The third card represents the Union Jack, with the words in the Union crosses, "The flag that braved a thousand years, the battle and the breeze." These cards will be sold to the trade at \$2.50 per thousand. Stamp collectors and private individuals will no doubt use them extensively for correspondence in these war times. They can be had retail from all Stationers and Booksellers in Canada and the United States.—Richmond Guardian.

Over the Border.

Nutmeg Gratings.

In looking over different philatelic journals, I am pleased to note the many good writers who live in Canada. Those who occur to me now are R. S. Baker, W. J. Porter, E. A. Marris, "Philos" of the Perforator, G. W. Hicks, T. H. Caudwell,

"D. O. Minion," W. A. Beatty, F. J. Garraty, and (don't blush) R. G. Widdicombe.

Funny things happen in collecting sometimes, and sometimes they are not funny. It certainly is not funny to the party I know of who collected a hundred $\frac{1}{2}$ cent Jubilees for which he paid 65 cents each, to read that they can be bought "two for a quarter." In a letter to the Perforator last September, my friend Maud Charlotte Bingham, advised us to "wait," and those who took her advice saved something. She prophesied a wonderful drop and it has come, and the end is not yet.

It is strange to what extremes some people will resort to save a cent, and it is also disgusting to think a person well-to-do will indulge in it. I know of a case where a man, to save one cent, wrote his letters and wrapped them in a newspaper. The postmaster where he lived found it out and gave him warning. Then he travelled to the next town when he had letters to send, as he thought more of his money than his time. Being detected there and warned; he desisted, but was lucky in not being prosecuted, as he ought to have been.

The above leads me to tell of another effort to cheat the government nearly fifty years ago. It was told me by a female who in her younger days had a chum who had been her room-mate at school. They were separated and wished to write often, but the tariff for sending a letter in those days was ten cents, and that was too much for their limited means. It cost five cents to send a newspaper then. They did

not wrap letters in a newspaper, but resorted to a novel scheme which was in due time found out, owing to careless wrapping. The outside covering came off on one occasion, and the eagle eye of the postmaster noticed the scheme at once. A number of the printed letters had lead pencil dots under them. Commencing with the first dot, and proceeding, he had the pleasure of reading quite a long epistle, which had been done at considerable trouble, to save five cents. He, however, carried out the process by adding, "Pretty girls should n't cheat the government" and signed his name in the same manner, then wrapping it up, and forwarded it to its destination. This stopped the practice there, and the laughable part was that the sender was not pretty, and had only one eye.

The decree of the Postmaster-General of the United States that volunteer soldiers may forward their letters free, and the recipient pay the postage due, reminds me that I have letters written in 1861 by a soldier, with the "due 3" on the envelope. Several of the envelopes have patriotic designs on them, the red, white and blue colors always being predominant.

From Virginia.

Waiter! Bring me another lime ade, put in extra ice, and turn on several more volts of cold storage. Some dealers may think it cool,—pleasure, (?) such weather as this, for a philatelist or collector (either) to be sticking his purchases in one of their ten dollar (worth-less) albums. It's neither a cool nor dry job,

but it's a fascinating one, the longer one sticks to it, the more they get stuck—on it.

My heart throbs with emotion to think of what sacrifice some friends (?) will make. Such was never known before. The 2 peso, 1898, current issue of Spain's colonies, is being offered to the public at large by some conscientious dealers, for the modest sum of five (5) little U. S. of American dollars. Now isn't that beautiful? We don't want the earth, but just the modest profit of 316 $\frac{1}{3}$ per cent. "Come all ye" spring lambs and purchase a set before the supply is exhausted and the price—falls.

Dealers here are wearing the same long faces,—business dull, prices low, sales in proportion. Brighter times are expected next month, when the Omaha issue will be on sale at this office. These stamps have been, and are still, condemned by the S.S.S.S. Send in your orders early and avoid the rush.

In new issues, Portugal is taking the lead, with New Zealand a very close second. If the size of stamps increase as rapidly as new issues, albums will have to be discarded and each stamp framed separately. It is well that some countries are too poor to possess more than one plot of ground. If they could only get some new territory what a lot of new issues we would have.

The Phillipine Islands number about four hundred in all. Each island will have its own Governor and Post Office. U. S. stamps will be used (?) with name of island surcharged across centre. Thirteen stamps for each island. Four hundred islands. Nine

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Not very long ago I read an account of a brother Philatelist taking a sleigh ride. I have wondered if there was a possibility of any of it (the snow, not the sled) still being upon the ground. If there is, if but a shovel full, will he be kind enough to let me know, for we are having a hot time in the
"OLD DOMINION."

Our Wisconsin contribution did not arrive this month, our correspondent being away from home at present.

CURRENT PUBLICATIONS.

*A Monthly Review, Conducted
by Fred. J. Garraty.*

PAPERS RECEIVED.

American Philatelic News, May.
American Journal of Philately, June.
Boston Stamp Book, May.
Boy's Own Philatelist, May.
Canadian Philatelic Magazine, June.
Columbian Philatelist, April.
Montreal Philatelist, May.
Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News, June 2.
New York Philatelist, May.
Perforator, May.
Stamp Reporter, May-June.
Pennsylvania Philatelist, June.
Philatelic Bulletin, May.
Philatelic Advocate, June.
Texan Philatelist, May.
The Melita Philatelic Chronicle and Advertiser, May.
Philatelic Literature.
Weekly Philatelic Era, May 28.

Some up-to-date notes and a report of the Philatelic Literature Society, make the Texan Philatelist very interesting this month.

A neat little monthly called the American Philatelic News comes from Newark, N. J.

The Stamp Reporter contains this month eight pages and cover. To catch up to Father Time, Editor B. was forced to issue a double number.

Number 2 of the Montreal Philatelist contains twelve pages and cover. Some notes and articles are served up in fine style. A little more ink on the type would improve its appearance immensely.

Mr. Georges Carrion's pleasant features peeps from the first page of the Perforator. The usual departments appear. We are glad to see that it has secured second class rates.

The American Journal of Philately is a paper for the advanced collector. It appears promptly on the first of the month.

Speaking of papers that appear on time, the "Pennsy" for June is about as prompt as any. It reached our sanctum on May 25th. It contains the pictures of Messrs. J. F. Beard, F. D. Sawyer, and the officers of the Empire State Philatelic Society. The officers of the E. S. P. S. have each a "write up" by the only C. W. K.

The Philatelic Bulletin this month is a corker. It has two letters from Canada, and several others from American philatelic centres. "Advice, by one who knows" is especially entertaining.

Number 3 of the "Brown Cover Series" of Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News is O. K. It contains sixteen pages and cover, and has its usual features. This is no doubt the best Weekly published in America.

A Few Opinions.

My friend Widdicombe can justly claim that THE ONTARIO PHILATELIST is the best philatelic magazine in Canada.—H. A. Chapman, in the Perforator.

The April number of THE ONTARIO PHILATELIST is certainly a credit to Mr. Widdicombe, and speaks well for the numbers to follow.—Miss Blanch Noble, in the Perforator.

I can only say that it is the neatest stamp journal in Canada—one that has outgrown knickerbockers—and may "its shadow never grow less."—A. H. Ward.

Must congratulate you on the success, and beauty in make-up and contents of your paper.—W. A. Lydiatt.

WHAT PUBLISHERS SAY.

O. P. came to hand to-day. I want to congratulate you on both its appearance and contents.—J. F. Dodge.

The O. P. is the neatest stamp paper in Canada. Hope you will keep on improving.—Roy B. Bradley.

FROM THE PRESS.

THE ONTARIO PHILATELIST unquestionably leads all the Canadian magazines at present. * * * Typographically the O. P. is almost perfect.—Philatelic Bulletin.

Two New Issues.

The first Omaha stamps to reach us, were those sent by Mr. E. P. Lyons, Jr., of Richmond, Va., which arrived on June 20th. We wish to thank Mr. Lyons for his kindness in remembering us,

and assure him that we appreciate it. The set sent us consisted of the 1, 2, 4, 5, 8, and 10 cent values. They are pretty stamps, and will no doubt have a large sale, notwithstanding the fact that the ban of the S. S. S. S. has been placed upon them.

Some persons seemed to doubt that another "new" issue for Canada was coming. Well, it has come anyway. The 1c. and 3c. values arrived in St. Catharines on June 20th, and were shortly afterwards placed on sale. The maple leaves in the lower corners have been removed, and figures substituted. The other values will be placed on sale as the supply of the "old style" is exhausted.

Capital Jottings.

OTTAWA, JUNE 22.

How has Canada fallen from her high philatelic estate! I doubt if any of the worst Sebeckized republics or any of the small states that manufacture stamps avowedly for the revenue they bring from the confiding philatelist, has ever accomplished four distinct issues inside of twelve months. The issue of new 1c. and 3c. stamps on the 17th of June brings the tally up to that. First we had the long continued issue with the Queen's head in profile; a much more effective stamp artistically, by the way, than the present issue; then on the 20th of June, 1897, we had the celebrated Jubilee issue, which was artistically effective; then we had incidentally an interregnum of the old issue; next we had the issue with the maple leaves in all four corners; and now we have an issue with the

maple leaf removed from the lower corners and replaced by numerals of value.

I have sheets of the new stamps before me as I write, and I think I am correct in saying that the whole die has been remade. The Queen's head is similar to that on the early issue of 1898, but it seems to be from a different die. The stamp is the same size as the previous one but the oval containing the inscription has been enlarged to touch the outer frame. This gives a little more background to the portrait, but it still has a crowded effect. The maple leaves in the lower corners have been replaced by white rectangles containing colored numerals of value. The band containing the lettering, which was of solid color in the first design, has been lightened by the insertion of horizontal white lines in all spaces.

During a recent visit to British Columbia I inquired into the state of philately there, especially in Victoria, the capital. I found few collectors, and they are not up to Eastern standards, caring nothing about blocks or shades and little about condition or catalogue prices. I am certain that if you want British Columbia stamps you have a better chance of obtaining them in Great Britain or the United States than in British Columbia. I saw one old time collector there with numbers of valuable stamps ruined by being trimmed off inside the edges of the stamps. It contained the 1 shilling New Brunswick, 1 shilling orange and 8 pence vermilion Newfoundland, and almost all the early Swiss

stamps, including the two Zurich cantonals, all mutilated in that way.

I saw a 2 cent Omaha stamp used yesterday. It has a muddy appearance. B. N. A.

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Historical and Postalic Matters of the Ionian Islands.

BY F. P.

CONTINUED FROM LAST NUMBER.

On October 15th, 1861, a second set of postage stamps appeared. They are 1 obolos yellow, 2 oboloi blue, and 4 oboloi wine red, with the same design and the same description as the preceding issue, but the color of the 2 oboloi value is darker, and the 4 oboloi value is more carmine than wine red, as the same values are in the 1859 issue. The quantities of this second issue are:—45,000 stamps of the 1 obolos value, 120,000 stamps of the 2 oboloi value, and 30,000 stamps of the 4 oboloi value. The post-offices of the Ionian Islands handled during 1861 mail pieces in number of 154,000, in 1862 a number of 171,000, in 1863 a number of 192,000, and in the year 1864 a total of 104,000 mail pieces. As mentioned in the historical part, the Republic of the Ionian Islands became Greek territory. On May 15th, 1864, the kingdom of Greece took in hand all the Ionian Island post-offices, and the circulation of the Ionian Islands postage stamps was discontinued. What has become of the large stock of Ionian postage stamps? The royal Greek government sold the remaining stock to stamp dealers in London, England, and Trieste, Austria.

Now a word about the cancellation of the Ionian Islands postage stamps. Partly they were cancelled with a cross (written), seldom with the word FRANCO. Some European collectors reported also to possess stamps cancelled with the year, date and month. There are plenty of counterfeits made of the Ionian stamps, but they are lithographed and without watermark and a serious collector easily finds them out. The genuine unused stamps are very high priced, but the genuine used stamps are much higher, and all are very scarce.

Over the Border.

NUTMEG GRATINGS.

Some Views Concerning the Omaha Stamps.

There is no doubt in my mind that issues like the Columbians, the Canada Jubilees and the Omahas help the business of philately in spite of the speculative taint that clings to them, and many collectors are made by the putting forth of such issues. The opinions as to the Omahas differ a good deal. I do not pretend to be an expert in any way as to the merits of this or that design. I do know what I like, however, and I have my ideas. It seems to me very queer to compare the workmanship with

the Columbians. I read that the 8c. is the design of Frederic Remington, the celebrated artist, whose ideas may have been all right, but the stamp, which does not seem to me the best of the lot, has some noticeable defects. A horse which is a prominent figure in the foreground has a large head and neck, reminding one forcibly of a donkey. The legs are very slender, quite consumptive looking, thus not harmonizing with the upper parts of body, and one leg looks like Dick Deadeye, "rather triangular." It is well we are told what the stamp represents, but the letters are very small. With the exception of the 4c. which is called "Indian Hunting Buffalo," the colors seem too dark. Various opinions are given below:—

Very disappointing. We were promised that it should exceed the Columbians both in beauty and interest, and in fulfillment of this promise we are offered a set of miserable daubs. The 8c. represents either Coxey's army or Colonel "Bill" Bryan leading his horde of silver votaries. You pay your eight cents and you take your choice. Taken all in all, the issue is not one in which we may pride ourselves.—John N. Luff, in *American Journal of Philately*.

We think them very artistic—in fact we think them superior to the Columbians in grace of design and execution of detail. Especially the 8c., which is a masterpiece.—*Virginia Philatelist*.

A disappointment; many of the designs are ill suited for the purpose for which they have been selected; others are gro-

tesque, while the engraving is not such as to give credit to the Bureau.—*Weekly Letter, in Metropolitan Philatelist*.

They make a very pretty set.—P. M. Wolsieffer, in *Metropolitan Philatelist*.

They look, as a whole, rather "Seebecky," especially the fifty cent, which is a very poor job. To my notion they do not in any way compare with the Columbians.—Dr. Cottlow, in *Weekly Philatelic Era*.

Those who have seen them seem to have only words of praise for the various denominations, though they do not by any means eclipse the Columbians.—J. M. Bartles, in *Weekly Philatelic Era*.

Of all the stamps that have been issued lately they are the poorest specimens of workmanship I have seen.—S. E. L., in *Weekly Philatelic Era*.

Altogether, the Omaha stamps are very creditable.—Albert Olson, in *Mekeel's*.

They cannot be bragged on as far as beauty is concerned.—*International Philatelist*.

Most thoroughly American in design of all the stamps that the government has so far issued.—*Missouriensis, in Mekeel's*.

Commemorative sets have their chief claim upon one on account of beauty, but this one hasn't even that.—D. W. Osgood.

Immensely satisfactory to the rank and file of collectors; they are considered beautiful and appropriate.—*Editorial in Mekeel's*.

I think the Omaha stamps are very handsome—much more so

than the Columbians—Editor Cox, in *Western Philatelist*.

The engraving is coarse and indistinct, the ink somewhat muddy, the colors not over attractive—E. L. Smiley, in *Boston Stamp Book*.

It will be noticed that in the extracts I have given above that many good judges like the Omahas, some with qualifications perhaps. On the other hand, the derogatory views certainly come from gentlemen whose opinions are generally considered worth something. Of course, the locality of the writers must be taken into consideration, and consequently what they say can be digested with a grain of salt.

HENRY A. CHAPMAN.

From Virginia.

The much abused Omaha issue was placed on sale at this office on June 20th. Comments on my part is unnecessary, as they have received all the abuse from others to cause a demand that might necessitate a further printing. Not having invested in Spanish Colonials, my surplus change permitted me purchasing one set complete. They are stamps that only cost face value, and one collector is satisfied.

July 1st revived business at the Custom House. Such times have not been seen for thirty years. Revenues here and revenues there,—one cannot read the newspaper unless his eyes look upon a stamp. The design is quite pretty and sticks close enough for its purpose. Good glue is more acceptable to those that have to use them, than a pretty picture that will not stick

after being licked. It is hard to serve two masters, and as hard to please two persons when they won't get on the same side of the fence.

The next in line—Grenada. On the 15th of August next the 400th anniversary of the discovery of Grenada will take place, for on that day of 1498 Columbus, after passing through the Straits of Boca del Dragon which separates Trinidad from the mainland of South America, sighted the islands of Tobago and Grenada. After the S.S.S.S. and a few others have blown off their wind to their satisfaction, poor Grenada will have wished that Columbus had stayed at home and had left her still in the dark, but happy. To celebrate the occasion, a special 2½d. stamp will be issued. As to the design I have not heard, but the Colonial Secretary will consider all suggestions offered by those interested.

Business is quite brisk, I may say more than one wishes for. Our only stamp dealer has put up shutters and quit. He called on me several days ago, thanked me for my patronage, etc., and said good bye. "There was money in the business," he said, "but someone else got it." His losses, in lost books and substituted stamps, over-balanced the profit. It is a singular thing to me the way some people will act. To some it may seem quite a joke to find a nice specimen, and place a torn or heavily cancelled one in its place. It is a joke, and that's the joke that keeps me out of the business.

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OUR SAY.

The Dominion Philatelic Association convention is over. We gave a full report of the proceedings in our last number, and as will be seen by it we didn't get the official-organship. Why? Well, we know why, but will not say anything about it at present. We have no ill-feelings against the Advocate because it has triumphed over us. They worked hard to get it—we tried to get it also, and expected that the vote would be very close—it never occurred to us that things would be so much against us. Why was it so? Well, as we said before, we know why.

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Speaking about conventions reminds us that the A. P. A. and P. S. of A. will hold their annual meet in New York this month. We will have reports of both in our next issue.

The demand for the present issue of Canada (without numerals in corners) still continues. As high as 25 cents per 100 has been offered for the 3c. value. The 5, 6, 8, and 10c. stamps of this issue are almost unobtainable.

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In a recent letter from the Johnstown Stamp Co., they state that they are rushed with orders at present and can hardly find time for other business. They have contracted for the second page of cover, and will have something of special interest to collectors each month.

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Mr. W. A. Jorgensen, Newark, N. J., publisher of the American Philatelic News, writes us that owing to lack of time he has decided to discontinue his paper for the present, but hopes to start anew shortly.

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Mr. E. P. Lyons, of Richmond, Virginia, has sent us several copies of both varieties of the new U. S. revenues,—the regular postal issue surcharged "I. R.," and the regular revenues that have just appeared. They were the first to reach us and Mr. Lyons has our thanks for same.

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Mr. Chas. Bailey, of Kaukauna, Wis., formerly of Toronto, Ont., who was recently elected U. S. Vice-President of the Dominion Philatelic Association, has returned to Canada, and is yet uncertain whether he will return to Uncle Sam's territory or not.

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Every ad. in this paper is worth reading. There is something interesting to collectors in each.

Dealers, Attention.

Next month will see the beginning of the busy season, which every dealer expects will eclipse all previous years. Our next number will appear on September 1st,—just the time you should commence your Fall advertising.

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Hamilton Notes.

It is a great pleasure to state in my notes this month that the D. P. A. Convention held in this city on the 1st and 2nd of July was a sweeping success. We were pleased to meet the publisher of the O. P. and would like to have met all the rest of the members. We regretted to see the O. P. lose the Official

Organship as we considered it the best of the two, but we must not forget that we all have to start at the bottom of a ladder to ascend it.

The writer had the good fortune—at least in a sense, as he was posted,—to receive a registered letter from Italy, with a consignment of stamps for exchange for Canadian stamps. On examining same they all turned out to be counterfeits. I will endeavor to name the types of these stamps and would ask other papers to please copy, as we do not want any bogus stamps circulated. The undermentioned stamps have been returned to their owner whose name I will give farther down;—

Cape of Good Hope,

Type a1, 1p. rose.

Type a1, 4p. blue.

Printed on very common paper.

The engraving was fair and colors very good.

United States,

90 cent blue.

This stamp was a very poor engraved one, having omitted the mouth; the color a very dark blue. As to what issue it belongs it is hard for one to say.

Ionian Islands,

Type a1, orange.

This stamp was an excellent engraved one. As to the color we suppose it was meant for orange, but was a very poor orange. The paper it was printed on was very poor stuff.

Spain,

Type a13, brown and rose.

Engraving was very good, but as to the rose part it was more of a pink. Poor paper.

Brazil,

Type a1, 90r. black.

Type a2, 300r. black.

Type a3, 90r. black.

All on grayish paper.

This lot was of a very rough engraving and the paper poor.

All the above mentioned stamps had been pasted to old paper and some were cut around the edges, while others had part of the paper off. I should judge that this had been done so as to make one think that they were genuine. The total catalogue value of the stamps was forty-nine dollars and five cents. The address of this party is as follows: E. Oneglia, Piazza Vittoria, Emanuele N. 14, Torino.

Stamp business with the local dealers during the last month has been somewhat dull.

E. A. MARRIS.

Relapsed Interest.

BY WILLIAM C. KNIGHT.

It has become a popular fad with our philatelic journals of the present day in publishing brief biographies or sketches of the lives of prominent philatelists. The idea, while not a new one, has much in it that is commendable, and of value to the cause and advancement of the science of philately.

To the observing collector it will be noticed that in many of these sketches the fact is mentioned that for a number of years Mr. ——— gave up collecting, but later on his old love for stamps returned and now his collection is one of the largest in ———; or words to that effect.

What collector has not felt inclined at times to give up his

album and cease collecting altogether? Many times this thought is followed by action.

In many instances it is not long—a few weeks, months, or probably years, but the interest that has relapsed asserts itself again with renewed force, and often is of the kind that lasts.

To the beginner and to those more advanced, while it may not have been the intention of the publisher, these sketches often have the effect in proving that though even an advanced collector give up his beautiful hobby, later on he will find his way back into the ranks, welcomed by his brother philatelists.

The Condition Problem.

Those words about the "condition crank" impress us. To be sure, we had thought of him before, and we have all admired the immaculate beauty of the pages of his album, in which not even a single corner perforation is missing, in which all imperforate margins are large enough to draw a picture on, and in which there is not an over-black cancellation mark to be seen. But, after all, we cannot all collect in that way. If we can get a really fine stamp and are willing to pay a fair price for it, that is the most desirable situation, but we must be willing to pay what such stamps are worth. We get a hint from Mr. Wolsieffer that he knows men who expect to buy stamps in the pink of condition at 50 per cent. discount. It can't be done; certainly not for long. We expect to see the time within a few years when catalogues will have prices for first and second quality

as to condition. Coin catalogues have been priced that way for years; a few stamp lists have been issued on the same principle, and the tendency is surely in that direction.—Editorial in the Boston Stamp Book.

Our Promised Contest.

For various reasons we have decided to let the matter rest for the present. We will probably take it up again later on.

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- 2 1 3 pence red perforated, on cover
- 3 6 1 cent pink on cover
- 4 1 10 cent violet on cover
- 5 1 3 cent red laid paper, 1869, on cover
- 6 12 5 cent beaver, 1859
- 7 4 10 cent violet, 1859
- 8 4 1 cent brown red, 1868
- 9 5 2 cent green, 1868
- 10 25 3 cent red, 1868
- 11 1 5 cent olive, large, 1875, new, no gum
- 12 200 2 cent green, 1875-93
- 13 100 Same
- 14 1 block 20 ½ cent black, 1882, unused
- 15 32 5 cent slate, 1875-93
- 16 16 6 cent brown, 1875-93
- 17 75 8 cent slate, 1892
- 18 8 10 cent rose, 1875-97
- 19 18 5 cent green registers and 40 2 cent red registers
- 20 50 1 cent blue post cards, 1st issue, (Montreal and Ottawa)
- 21 200 1 cent blue post cards, 1st issue, (Montreal)
- 22 100 Same
- 23 25 3 cent red stamped envelopes, cut square
- 24 10 1 cent wrappers, cut square
- 25 1 set Jubilee unused, ½ cent to 50 cent inclusive
- 26 23 1 cent yellow, Jubilee
- 27 5 1 cent yellow, Jubilee, unused
- 28 3 2 cent, Jubilee
- 29 25 3 cent red, Jubilee
- 30 3 3 cent red, Jubilee, unused
- 31 25 1 cent Jubilee cards
- 32 3 pence red (1), 20 cent red (1), 50 cent blue (1), 1 cent pink 1859 (5), ½ cent black 1882 (7), 15 stamps as 1 lot; fine copies.
- 33 14 ½ cent black, 1898, without figures
- 34 200 1 cent green, " "
- 35 100 Same
- 36 50 2 cent purple, 1898, without figures
- 37 50 Same
- 38 300 3 cent red, 1898, without figures
- 39 200 Same
- 40 100 Same
- 41 12 5 cent blue, 1898, without figures
- 42 8 6 cent brown, " " "
- 43 19 8 cent orange, " " "
- 44 1 block 20 ½ cent black, 1898, without figures

Canada,—continued.

Lot No.

- 45 25 1 cent green post cards, 1898, without figures
- 46 50 1 cent green, 1898, with figures
- 47 50 Same
- 48 50 3 cent red, 1898, with figures
- 49 200 Same
- 50 100 Same
- 51 1 set Quebec Law Stamps, 10 cent to \$1.00 mauve and green, 10 in lot
- 52 1 set Quebec Law Stamps, 10 cent to 80 cent red, 8 in lot
- 53 11 1 cent bill stamps, brown, 3rd issue
- 54 10 3 " " " green, " "
- 55 50 6 " " " " " "
- 56 10 9 " " " " " "
- 57 Bill stamps, 3rd issue, 10 cent blue (4), 20 cent blue (2), 30 cent blue (4), 8 cent brown (3), 13 stamps as 1 lot

Newfoundland.

- 58 1 set Cabot issue 3 cent to 12 cent unused, inclusive, 7 stamps in lot, fine
- 59 ½ cent red (1), ½ cent black (1), 1 cent green (3), 2 cent red (1), 3 cent brown (3), 3 cent slate (12), 5 cent blue (2), 23 stamps as 1 lot
- 60 1 cent lilac 1867, perf. (1), 3 cent blue 1876, rouletted (1), 2 stamps as 1 lot; fine

Nova Scotia.

- 61 6 pence green, used, small corner gone otherwise fine
- 62 10 cent red, used, fine

Prince Edward Island.

- 63 1865-72, 1 penny orange, new, no gum (1), 2 pence rose, used (1), 4 pence black, used (1), 3 fine stamps as 1 lot

United States.

- 64 Pair 5 cent brown 1847, on entire
- 65 5 cent brown 1847, on cover
- 66 10 cent black, " " "
- 67 3 1 cent blue imperf., and 3 3 cent red 1851-56, on entires
- 68 10 cent green imperf., 1851-56, on entire
- 69 5 1 cent blue and 9 3 cent red perf., 1855-60 on entires
- 70 10 cent green 1861-62, on entires

United States,—continued.

- Lot No.
 71 3 1 cent blue and 32 3 cent red, shades, grilles, etc., 1861-66, on entires
 72 9 2 cent black, 10, 3 cent red, 1861, on some 3 cent stamped envelopes
 73 6 1 cent blue 1870-83, on entire
 74 88 3 cent green 1870-83, on entires
 75 5 6 cent pink 1870-82, on entires
 76 2 1 cent blue 1851-56
 77 30 3 cent red imperf. 1851-56
 78 65 3 cent red 1861-62, unassorted for grilles or pinks
 79 1 cent buff 1869, unused o. g.
 80 1 2 cent brown; 2 6 cent blue 1869, used
 81 75 3 cent blue 1869
 82 1 10 cent green 1855; 2 10 cent green 1861
 83 24 cent 1869, faded in centre, small perforation missing
 84 20 1 cent blue 1870-82
 85 3 3 cent brown 1870-75
 86 3 cent green 1870, double grilled, unused o. g., small perf missing
 87 100 3 cent green 1870-83
 88 200 2 cent vermilion 1875
 89 9 6 cent carmine 1870
 90 2 10 cent brown; 4 15 cent orange; 1 30 cent black; 1870
 91 4 5 cent blue (Taylor) 1875
 92 6 5 cent brown 1882
 93 100 2 cent claret 1883
 94 14 4 cent green 1883; 4 4 cent carmine, 1888
 95 6 5 cent blue (Garfield) 1888
 96 15 3 cent purple 1890
 97 125 4 " brown "
 98 250 5 " choc'te "
 99 25 6 " br. red "
 100 50 8 " lilac "
 101 15 10 " green "
 102 2 15 " blue; 1 30 cent black; 1890
 103 200 1 cent Columbian
 104 200 2 " "
 105 2 3 " "
 106 4 5 " "
 107 2 8 " "
 108 20 10 " "
 109 2 15 cent green; 2 30 cent orange; 1 50 cent
 110 10 3 cent purple 1894-97
 111 25 4 " brown "

United States,—continued.

- Lot No.
 112 10 5 " choc'te "
 113 40 6 " br. red "
 114 16 8 " lilac "
 115 8 10 " green "
 116 7 15 " blue; 1 50 cent orange; 1894-97
 117 Special Delivery 1885-94—5 10 cent blue; 1 10 cent orange
 118 Departments—War 6 cent red (5); Treasury 2 cent (1), 3 cent (1), 6 cent (3), 15 cent (1), 90 cent (1)
 119 Departments—3 cent Agriculture, (1); 30 cent War unused (1); Navy 6 cent (1)
 120 Officially Sealed, brown (4)
 121 Postage Due—1 cent 1879-93 (20)
 122 50 2 cent Due '79-93
 123 50 Same
 124 1 3 cent, 5 5 cent, 2 10 cent Due '69-93
 125 25 1 cent Due, '93-98
 126 50 2 " " " "

Foreign.

- 127 18 kr. Bavaria, 1867
 128 1 4r. green, 1 1 peso rose, 1 2 peso blue, Buenos Ayres, '60-62
 129 2 shilling blue new, small corner gone and slight tear, Great Britain, '67-69
 130 4 pence red, blue paper, Great Britain, 1856, cat. \$4.00
 131 5 shilling rose 1867, Great Britain
 132 3 sh. blue Hamburg, '61-65, Scott's No. 23
 133 7 sch. orange Hamburg, '61-65, " " 25
 134 2 cent vermilion Hawaii, '64-71, unused, small corner gone
 135 6 cent green Hawaii, '64-71, used
 136 Hawaii—1 cent green '83 (4), 2 cent rose '83 (4), 2 cent brown '94 (10), 5 cent red (1), 19 stamps sold as one lot
 137 10 reis yellow Madeira, unused, o.g.
 138 1 penny vermilion Queensland, '60
 139 50 varieties foreign on sheet, catalogued at \$3.61
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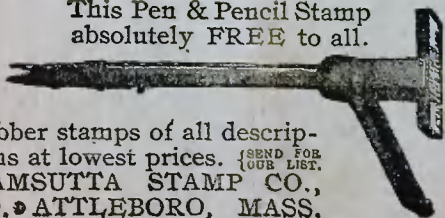
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The Stamps of Ste. Marie de Madagascar.

The island of Sainte Marie de Madagascar, which does not appear upon the maps of the American edition postage stamp albums, is situated at the north-east of the main island of Madagascar, between Choiseul on the north and Foulepointe on the south. Lake Alaotra is nearly opposite.

In 1892, when the set of stamps for Diego Suarez et Dependences was issued, the French colony of Ste. Marie de Madagascar was one of the dependencies of the government of Diego Suarez, and consequently the stamps Diego Suarez and dependencies were in use in Ste. Marie de Madagascar.

But later on some differences were raised regarding money valuations, for a dollar in one town was sometimes worth only 75 cents in another, causing a loss for the colony on the sale of postage stamps. Therefore a set of stamps of the same type as those used in other colonies was ordered from Paris, with the name of the colony, Ste. Marie de Madagascar, printed on them.

During the time required to print the stamps the following values of the Diego Suarez colony were surcharged "Ste. Marie de Madagascar" in a double-lined circle; in blue ink. This was in April, 1894, and the values were as follows:

1—On the 1881 issue of French colonies, perforated: 35c., black on orange.

2—On the 1892 issue of stamps of Diego Suarez et dependencies: 1c., black on blue; 2c., brown on buff; 4c., claret on lavender; 5c., green on greenish; 10c., black on lavender; 15c., blue on white quadrille paper; 20c., red on green; 25c., black on rose; 30c., brown on straw; 40c., red on straw; 50c. carmine on rose; 75c., black on orange; 1f., bronze-green on straw. These stamps were only surcharged for the needs of the colony, without any speculative purpose, and were not intended to be sold to stamp dealers. As only from 30 to 35 of each value, so surcharged are known to exist, it can safely be inferred that those provisionals are the scarcest of all the French colonial stamps, and come next to the Reunion, 1852 issue, in point of rarity.

In all probability those stamps were only used for one mail, as the sets with the name of the colony, "Ste. Marie de Madagascar," printed in Paris, were received in May, 1894, and consisted of 13 values, as follows:

1c., black on blue; 2c., brown on buff; 4c., claret on lavender; 5c., green on greenish; 10c., black on lavender; 15c., blue on white quadrille paper; 20c., red on green; 25c., black on rose; 30c., brown on straw; 40c., red on

straw : 50c., carmine on rose ; 75c., black on orange ; 1f., bronze green on straw.

The above stamps have since been replaced by the set bearing the name Madagascar and dependencies, issued in 1896, as the colony of Ste. Marie de Madagascar was attached to the government of Madagascar after the conclusion of the peace, and the annexation of this colony to France. Therefore all the stamps of Ste. Marie de Madagascar are now obsolete, and since the correspondence of this small island never amounted to much, these stamps will some day become rare.

GEORGE CARION.

CURRENT PUBLICATIONS.

A Monthly Review, Conducted by Fred J. Garraty.

PAPERS RECEIVED.

American Collector, May.
 American Journal of Philately, August.
 Columbian Philatelist, June.
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 Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News, Nos. 394, 395, 396, 397.
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 Philatelic Advocate, August.
 Philatelic Bulletin, July.
 Perforator, July.
 Pennsylvania Philatelist, August.
 Stamp Reporter, July.
 Texan Philatelist, July.
 Virginia Philatelist, August.
 Western Philatelist, July.

The Montreal Philatelist has changed printers and the number before us is a great improvement typographically over the former numbers. The usual notes, etc., appear, but the leading features this month are the Editorials and Press Review.

Our friend "Napoleon" adorns the first page of the Perforator. Miss Swift, in her essay on "The

Home of a Collection," gives some new ideas in the way of arranging one's collection in a blank album. There are also notes from the north, south, east and west. In September the Pennsy will be consolidated with the Perforator, which will be published by the new firm of Stowell & Kissinger.

The Stamp Reporter has the pictures of Messrs. Alex. M. Muirhead, Jas. H. Peckham, Ed. A. Whalen, and C. S. Applegath.

The Columbian Philatelist has changed the color of its cover from blue to white.

The Philatelic Bulletin's "Mid-Summer Trade Boomer" special has a very pretty cover in blue and red. The usual features appear.

The "Convention Number" of the New York Philatelist contains pictures of Miller's Hotel, Messrs. J. W. Stowell, Georges Carrion, C. W. Kissinger, and the officers of the Empire State Philatelic Society. Mr. J. F. Farrell has a very concise description of the principal places of interest in New York City.

This month Mr. J. E. Allemond occupies the place of honor in the Virginia Philatelist. The D. P. A. convention report, together with the photo of the members who were present, is the best we have seen yet. Editorials and notes make up the remainder of the number.

The Western Philatelist, hailing from Humboldt, Kansas, is the best initial number of any philatelic paper from the west we have ever seen. It contains

sixteen pages with a handsome cover.

No. 2 comes to hand with name changed to "National Philatelist,"—contents as good as No. 1. Keep it up Editor Cox.

Manitoba Notes.

By request of the publisher of this journal, I will give notes from this province each month to the best of my ability. First of all I will give the readers of this paper an idea of the stamp business in Winnipeg. There are 3 stamp dealers, and about 125 collectors, mostly beginners, although some have very good collections and they make a very bright showing.

As Winnipeg has the third largest amount of mail matter passing through its hands each year, a general idea will be shown by the latest report from the P. O. here, viz: that 2,539,915 letters and 355,998 postal cards were actually mailed at this office during the year. Over one and a quarter million letters and cards were delivered throughout the city by the official carriers. The sale of postage stamps last year amounted to \$98,086 in the Winnipeg office.

It would be a good idea to form a branch of the D. P. A. here, for many would hail it with delight. Will our brothers in the east give us some information on this point?

Quite a number of collectors from North Dakota and Minnesota took advantage of the cheap excursion to this city in the middle of July to attend the Winnipeg Industrial Exhibition,

on "American Day." Before leaving for home, some of them secured a large number of Jubilees and old and new Canada issues. We hope a larger number will visit us again next year.

It is with deep regret I learn that one of Toronto's best dealers has been committed to imprisonment for 60 days. I am glad to note the stand the D. P. A. members have taken in expelling him from the Association. Let others take warning.

Stamp dealers here and at the coast report trade improving although it was very dull at the beginning of the season, and I hope it will continue good everywhere. C. T. KIRKBY.

Received.

Wholesale Exchange List, No. 8, of F. Noyes, Alice, Texas; Buying List from W. L. Davids, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Price List from R. L. Deitrick, Lorraine, Va.

Thanks!

We received an invitation to attend the Third Annual Convention of the New England Philatelic Association, which was to be held at Manchester, N. H., on August 27th. Distance prevented us from showing up.

Come Again.

Mr. H. E. French, of Toledo, Ohio, an old-time St. Catharines' collector and publisher, called on us a couple of weeks ago, but only for a short time, as he was in a hurry to catch the train.

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OUR SAY.

This month will see the opening of the busy season, and dealers have every reason to believe that it will be the banner year in the history of collecting. Business was good up to July when it seemed to fall off somewhat, though no doubt this was partly due to the Spanish-American war. But notwithstanding this, it has been better during the past summer than ever before, with the probable exception of the summer of 1897. The hot weather is now nearly over, and people will be getting back to their business where they will have more time to give to their stamps than when away from home, where pleasure was the only thing thought of. And again, the war might now be said to be practically over, which will mean that business will again go on in its usual way, with no rumors of battles and bombard-

ments floating around. Many collectors who are at present "gone to the war" will soon return, and doubtless take up their hobby with renewed interest, probably wondering how long it will be before they are specializing in the stamps of United States and her colonies; but at present quite busy securing the numerous new issues that have appeared during their absence. From present indications stamp business will be very brisk this winter, is the verdict of all the dealers.

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Before getting away from our subject let us impress upon you, if you intend to continue in business, the necessity of keeping your name always before the public. Unless you do so, your customers and others will begin to think you have probably quit, and will go to some other dealer. You can reach a good class of collectors through these columns. Why not place your ad. with us this season? Let us send you a contract blank?

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The editor took a trip to Toronto a couple of weeks ago, and called on half a dozen of the dealers. Those who occupy offices down town pronounce trade over the counter as unusually good for this season of the year.

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Mr. J. F. Dodge has sold one of his trio, the Rocky Mountain Stamp, and will continue his unique career by still publishing the other two as usual, both of which are very creditable magazines.

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We are sorry to learn that Mr. W. A. Lydiatt, of Toronto, has

been expelled from the D. P. A. The real cause of his expulsion was that he tried to sell a rented bicycle, and was caught, convicted, and sentenced to sixty days in jail; though numerous complaints had been laid against him by members, and this course had been previously threatened.

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We are sorry to say we don't get the St. Louis Weekly any more. Our subscription has expired and Mr. Mekeel does not seem disposed to exchange with such papers as we publish. We might add that the publishers of such journals as the Weekly Era, Metropolitan Philatelist, Post Office, Virginia Philatelist and Perforator exchange regularly, and any of these are fully as good, if not superior, to the Weekly.

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Unless a few parties settle up with us very soon, we will turn them over to the not very tender mercies of a well known collecting agency. Take heed!

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We did not receive the reports of the New York conventions in time for this number, but they will appear in our next. We have secured a well known writer and ex-publisher to write the reports for us, and we can assure our readers of them being right up to the mark.

The Busy Season.

The busy season with stamp dealers has now fairly started. Every dealer expects that he will do more business this winter than in any previous year. Our next number will appear on October 1st, and if you have not begun

your Fall advertising now is the time—you should not leave it longer. The dealers that advertise catch the trade, and will often get orders for stamps from your own customers, for the simple reason that they saw it advertised at what they considered a fair price. Had your ad. been there you would quite likely have done the business.

Did you ever advertise in a Canadian stamp paper before? If not, you don't know what you are missing. American collectors are not the only ones who have money to spend for stamps. Why not try THE ONTARIO PHILATELIST this season? Many Canadian collectors read it every month, and at the same time the circulation extends to the United States and foreign countries.

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Over the Border.

Nutmeg Gratings.

Stampic matters do not seem to me to have been as dull this summer as ordinarily, notwithstanding the fact that war has been going on. The bringing out of the Omaha issue at the time they appeared has helped to make things lively, and no doubt had a share in keeping up the interest in other emissions. The New Zealands have appeared to sell well, and the fact that a pretty stamp in this set had an "error" has had its good effect also. The Portugal set, although considered and advertised as

"speculative," has been eagerly sought after, and buyers do not seem to be satisfied with one country of the Vasco da Gama series and are willing to look at them in seven different places, and I presume I shall be one of the weak ones in this respect. Although somewhat pronounced against speculative issues, I do not feel always in love with S.S.S.S. ideas, and collect everything that does postal duty, and—a good deal of latitude is given.

The way philatelists have gobbled up the Omaha issue, and the way they are sold, partly in consequence, will have speculative attachments no doubt. In Hartford, on the 1st of August, I was told that there were no Omahas on sale except a few of those bilious-looking 4 cent "terriers," and that there would probably be no more ordered. It must be remembered, however, that there has been no such thing as having to buy a whole set in order to get a newspaper stamp. At any post-office the great trouble with the issue as far as my knowledge goes, has been the poor perforation, it being a rarity to secure good centred stamps. At Hartford I inquired for \$1 and \$2 Omahas, and was told that the lot received was so poorly perforated that they had to order—or ask for—a better lot. I am inclined to think the better lot never came, as I couldn't get hold of any. Collectors who want good stamps in the album will not pay \$1 and \$2 for "off centres."

It has been amusing to read the ideas of different people on the merits of the Omahas, and

some foolish ones are almost ready to fight because the other fellows disagree with them. I know of more than one case where prominent experts who have been considered "way up," have been dubbed as incapable of judging of fine work because they did not see fit to crack up the issue. (I wish to make a correction here. In my letter of last month I intended to say that the 8c. seemed the best in the lot, but the word "not" appeared and changed my meaning).

Before this letter reaches the public eye, the five societies that hold their conventions in New York will have gathered together and probably enjoyed themselves immensely. As there are sixty or seventy members of the A. P. A. resident in the metropolis, and as they are determined to do "their prettiest," a grand time is looked for. As the writer belongs to "all of them," and barring accidents will certainly "be there" perhaps he can tell a story later. It isn't often that so many societies gather together one after the other at one place.

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From the Ohio Valley.

In our country we have many stamp papers—many very bad, some very good, and a few excellent. As far as my observation goes, and from the gossip of others, it seems that Canada is not a very productive country for GOOD stamp papers. It is seldom that one is lauded as far above the others of its country as has been THE ONTARIO PHILATELIST. On all sides we hear good things said of the O. P. It is gotten out in proper shape

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The summer months have had their effect upon collecting from a dealers standpoint and no doubt the stamp business has suffered the annual lull, but as planing for fall and winter trade is so extensive we look for a lively trade and prices will go up.

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